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## S. Korea: War game halt 'not irreversible'

By KIM GAMEL  
*Stars and Stripes*

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea's foreign minister warned Wednesday that the suspension of war games with the United States is "not irreversible" as she urged the North to take concrete action toward abandoning its nuclear weapons program.

The comments came a day after Washington and Seoul announced that they were canceling a major

military exercise that had been scheduled for August, following through on a promise made by President Donald Trump during his summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

Critics expressed concern that the decision may undermine the defense of the South as the North has massive artillery and more than a million soldiers poised across the heavily fortified border that divides the peninsula. Many also said Trump made a

major concession to the North while getting little in return.

Foreign Minister Kang Kyung-wha said the suspension of joint drills was aimed at building trust and overcoming hostilities and



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could be lifted.

"I think we made it clear that this is a goodwill gesture to strengthen the dialogue momentum at this point, but they are not irreversible," she told reporters at the Seoul Foreign Correspondents' Club.

"They could quickly come back should we see the dialogue momentum losing speed or North Korea not living up to its denuclearization commitments," she said.

South Korean President Moon Jae-in, who has met with Kim twice since April, also said the ball was in North Korea's court.

"I think North Korea needs to present more concrete denuclearization actions, and the United States needs to swiftly propose corresponding measures ... and they need to implement those together," he said, according to a transcript from his office.

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## Sea monster

**BAE Systems' Amphibious Combat Vehicle 1.1 emerges from the surf.**

Courtesy of BAE Systems

## Marines pick powerful replacement for aging amphibious assault vehicles

By CHAD GARLAND  
*Stars and Stripes*

Fleet Marines are set to get a more reliable, faster and better protected amphibious fighting vehicle starting in late 2020 as

the Corps begins replacing its decades-old amphibious assault vehicle.

On Tuesday, the service announced that U.K.-based BAE Systems was awarded a \$198 million contract option to begin

low-rate initial production of 30 vehicles, dubbed Amphibious Combat Vehicle 1.1, after it beat out SAIC's prototype in competitive trials.

The Corps could end up purchasing as many as 204 vehicles

over the next few years to outfit some of its 10 amphibious assault companies — the first phase of an incremental approach to replacing the AAV, which entered service in 1972.

The contract's total value, if

all options are executed, could amount to \$1.2 billion, BAE Systems said in a statement Tuesday. The first vehicles are expected to be delivered by the fall of 2019.

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## MILITARY

# Vehicles: First arrivals set for 2020

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The 1st Marine Expeditionary Force's 3rd Assault Amphibian Battalion out of Camp Pendleton, Calif., is expected to be the first to get them the following year.

The ACV 1.1 offers better armor and land maneuver capabilities than the AAV, but it won't fully replace its 46-year-old predecessor. About 400 of the older vehicles, which officials have called "nearly obsolete," are being upgraded to protect against threats such as roadside bombs and keep them in service until 2035.

"The ACV provides a mobile capability that mechanizes the force to maintain tempo with the remainder of the (Marine Air-Ground Task Force), specifically the M1A1 tank," Col. Kirk Mullins, ACV 1.1 product manager, said in a Marine Corps news release. "It isn't maintenance intensive ... and it also provides greater protection against threats we encounter on the battlefield."

The Corps plans to build in additional capabilities in further iterations, eventually fielding a version capable of traveling at twice the old AAV's water speed so it can launch from warships beyond view of the shore and land on the beach without the aid of landing craft.

The next phase, ACV 1.2, is expected to improve on the ACV 1.1's amphibious capabilities, but Marine officials have said BAE's vehicle is already close to that target.

Developed in partnership with Italy's Iveco Defense Vehicles



Courtesy of BAE Systems

**BAE Systems' Amphibious Combat Vehicle 1.1 offers better armor and land maneuver capabilities than its 46-year-old predecessor, the amphibious assault vehicle.**

and based on the Italian company's SuperAV tactical vehicle, the eight-wheel-drive ACV 1.1 seats three crewmembers and 13 embarked Marines, fewer than the 21 embarked Marines the AAV seats.

The new vehicle's 700-horsepower engine boasts more power than the AAV's. A V-shaped hull and energy-absorbing seats are designed to protect troops from blasts, and it can reach speeds of 65 mph on paved roads and 7 mph at sea, according to a company fact sheet.

It will have a "precision weapons station for enhanced

lethality," the Marines said. A Government Accountability Office report in April 2015 said the Marines' requirements called for weapons similar to the AAV's .50-caliber machine gun and 40 mm grenade launcher, but remotely operated and stabilized.

SAIC's Terrex 2 also has a remotely operated weapons station, a V-shaped hull and blast-mitigating seat design, though it seats two fewer Marines.

Both BAE and SAIC beat out three other vendors, and in late 2015 were awarded more than \$100 million each to produce 16 prototypes for the Marines to

evaluate before selecting a single manufacturer.

The prototypes were put through their paces in land mobility, reliability, survivability, gunnery and water operations tests, including launch and recovery from amphibious transport ships. The BAE vehicle was chosen as the "best value."

Participating Marines rated the vehicle favorably, Mullins said. Those who had experience with the AAV were looking forward to one day operating its replacement, he said.

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# Fort Carson brigade in Europe for NATO effort

By WILL MORRIS  
Stars and Stripes

Helicopters and equipment from the 4th Combat Aviation Brigade, 4th Infantry Division arrived Wednesday at the port of Rotterdam, Netherlands, to begin a nine-month rotation in Europe as part of a NATO mission to deter potential Russian aggression.

On Wednesday night, 64 aircraft, including UH-60 Black Hawk, HH-60 Pave Hawk and CH-47 Chinook helicopters began offloading from the cargo ship Endurance, military officials said. Apache helicopters will be arriving sometime later this month.

"The helicopters will be reconfigured for flight starting tomorrow, then will do a test flight and begin moving to Illersheim, Germany," said Master Sgt. Daniel W. Bailey, 21st Theater Sustainment Command spokesman.

The Fort Carson, Colo.-based unit is deploying some 1,700 soldiers in support of operation Atlantic Resolve. An advance team left Colorado for Europe on June 12.

The 4th CAB replaces the 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, of Fort Hood, Texas, which arrived in October.

Late last month, 3,000 soldiers from the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, the ground contingent of Atlantic Resolve, arrived in Europe to start their nine-month rotation as part of the NATO mission.

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## MILITARY

# Army to test ONYX suit that aids movement

By MARCO SANTANA  
Orlando (Fla.) Sentinel

An exoskeletonlike device developed by a Lockheed Martin team based in Orlando could give soldiers, workers and perhaps even the disabled some significant new abilities.

The ONYX suit uses embedded sensors to track body movement, which a computer interprets to help the wearer perform certain "knee-intensive tasks" such as climbing stairs or crossing difficult terrain.

"It's fantastic technology," said Gavin Barnes, Lockheed's lead exoskeleton engineer.

The company hopes to market the technology to soldiers, first responders and generally any industry that requires lower back and leg-based actions. Last month, the U.S. Army agreed to do field tests of ONYX starting in December, following a demonstration at the Pentagon.

Barnes is part of a team of about a half-dozen engineers that has been developing the technology since early last year.

ONYX, which is worn on the legs, weighs about 15 pounds. Its more than a dozen sensors collect data related to human movement, including the angle at which a

knee bends and the speed that a person walks.

The computer uses that information to power actuators to make walking or standing easier. It's too early to say how much the device might cost.

Lockheed would not comment on what it has invested in the program but did say that the company has spent years developing, testing and refining it as it anticipates a U.S. Army contract.

The suit is the latest in the company's ongoing attempt to create a marketable exoskeleton, an effort that until the end of 2016 featured a system known as the HULC.

HULC was essentially a suit of armor that weighed 80 pounds and included large metal bars that held it together. But after years of development, leaders had to make the tough decision to pull the plug and move on to something else.

"It was a painful process when we had to acknowledge that the technology would never progress beyond a certain point," said Keith Maxwell, the senior exoskeleton program manager. "So the question was, do we stop and take the good points out of it and start over? We challenged ourselves and said, 'Let's try something different.'"

That's where the path to ONYX



Courtesy of Lockheed Martin

**The high-tech ONYX suit uses embedded sensors that interact with a computer to make "knee-intensive tasks" easier.**

begin.

The contraption still has some kinks to work out if it is to become a widely used system for the military. For instance, as it operates, a faint whirring sound can be heard coming from the joints. That's probably not a big deal in

a workplace, but could be dangerous if an Army unit was sneaking up toward an enemy, Maxwell said.

"What you wouldn't want to hear is 100 guys walking through the woods at night," said Maxwell, who has spent 10 years

working on Lockheed's exoskeleton programs.

As he stood tall in the suit on a closed-off area of Lockheed Martin's Missiles and Fire Control complex earlier this month, Barnes' name tag hung loosely off an Iron Man lanyard. He has been a fan of science fiction for years, which is one reason he has enjoyed working on the exoskeleton.

But he has a more personal reason to root for the technology. His sister uses a wheelchair because she suffers from spina bifida.

"If she had an exoskeleton, it would help her," he said. "She would never need a wheelchair again."

The exoskeleton industry has been growing of late, with large electronics manufacturers such as Panasonic pouring money into research and development of the technology. That could mean the timing of Lockheed Martin's growing exoskeleton development could be ideal.

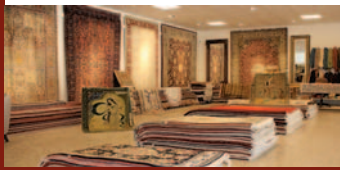
For Barnes, the project is a way to do meaningful work.

"I get to dream up and think about ways to enhance people's performance," he said. "Walking in this suit feels like walking with a really stiff wind behind you."

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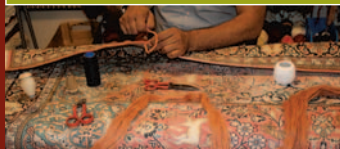


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## MILITARY

## Senate takes on military child sex assault

By ROSE L. THAYER  
Stars and Stripes

AUSTIN, Texas — An amendment attached to the Senate version of the 2019 National Defense Authorization Act could help bring justice to young victims of sexual assault living on military installations.

The Children of Military Protection Act authored by Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, would close the jurisdictional gap across military bases that has allowed juvenile perpetrators of sexual assault against other children on bases to slip through the cracks without facing prosecution.

The act is part of the NDAA passed by the Senate on Monday night.

"Families whose children have been sexually assaulted on base by another child are forced to seek justice from federal prosecutors who often don't have the resources to pursue the case," Cornyn said in a statement following the NDAA's passage. "This effort will allow local prosecutors to pursue these cases so families can get justice for their children."

Because there is no federal juvenile justice system, it's often not clear who should be talking on these cases. Without prosecution, victims can't seek justice or support resources or, in some cases, get physical separation from their perpetrator. Assaults do not get reprimanded or any court-ordered services that could lead to rehabilitation.

A 2015 investigation by the Austin American-Statesman newspaper looked into this issue at Fort Hood, Texas. The newspaper found 670 reported incidents of juvenile crime from 2010 to 2015, including a dozen sex

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crimes. An internal Fort Hood legal memorandum obtained by the newspaper detailed more juvenile sexual assaults — 39 between 2006 and 2012 — resulting in no federal prosecutions and just a handful referred to local prosecutors.

Another investigation earlier this year found at least 600 juvenile sex assault cases on military bases nationwide, many of which did not result in prosecution, The Associated Press reported.

Historically, federal prosecutors have pursued roughly 1 in 7 juvenile sexual assault

cases presented from military investigators, according to information from Cornyn's office. That prosecution rate is due in part to limited capacity for the federal system to handle such cases.

In 2017, Fort Hood reached an agreement with surrounding Bell and Coryell counties that officials believe will fill the gap by giving authority to the counties to prosecute. However, no funding for these cases was included.

Cornyn's bill would pass prosecution in that way at all installations. Specifically, it would retrocede legislative jurisdiction of criminal offenses committed by juveniles on military installations to the state, commonwealth or territory in which the base is located.

Sens. Angus King, I-Maine, and Kirsten Gillibrand D-N.Y., were co-sponsors of the original legislation.

Before the amendment becomes law, it will follow the rest of the Senate's NDAA to be reconciled with the House version, and ultimately land on the president's desk for a signature.

Rep. John Carter, R-Texas, previously filed similar legislation in the House and said he hopes to see this bill make it into law.

"It's not only the duty of Congress to provide the resources our soldiers, Marines, airmen and sailors need, but also provide support for their families to ensure their experiences as a military family are safe and comfortable," he wrote in an emailed statement. "We have to protect the children of our servicemembers and I'd like to see a solution signed by the president soon."

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## Sailor's death in E. Africa investigated

Stars and Stripes

The Navy is investigating the non-combat-related death on Sunday of a sailor at Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti, in East Africa.

A Navy statement issued Tuesday about the death of Petty Officer 1st Class Matthew I. Holzemer, of Tennessee, provided no details.

Holzemer was deployed in support of Special Operations Command Forward — East Africa for U.S. Africa Command.

Navy spokesperson Lt. Christina Sears told Military.com that Holzemer was a hospital corpsman and had been assigned to Naval Branch Health Clinic Naval Air Station Kingsville in Texas. He has been in the Navy since 2002, according to Holzemer's Facebook page.

Camp Lemonnier is the primary base of operations for U.S. Africa Command in the Horn of Africa, according to the Navy.

It is a Navy-led installation operated by Commander, Navy Region Europe, Africa, Southwest Asia via U.S. Naval Forces Africa and Commander, Navy Installations Command. The camp supports about 4,000 U.S. and allied troops and civilian personnel.

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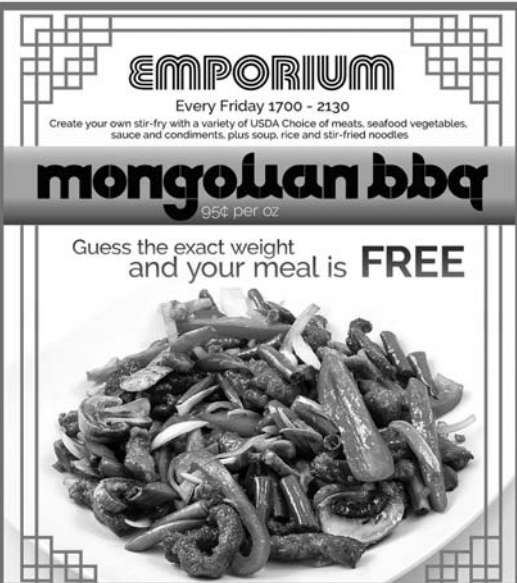
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## PACIFIC

# 'Hawaii's going to miss him'

Pearl Harbor attack survivor feted before move to mainland

By WYATT OLSON  
Stars and Stripes

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii — For 76 years, Ray Emory has carried around a spent brass casing from the .50-caliber machine gun he fired at incoming Japanese planes the morning of Dec. 7, 1941.

"I just reached over and picked it up and put it in my right hip pocket," said Emory, 97, who was aboard the USS Honolulu docked at Pearl Harbor that day.

He doesn't remember why he plucked it from the deck in the wake of the firefight, but he knows why he's held onto it.

"It's just part of me, I guess," said the longtime Hawaii resident. "It's just part of me."

On Tuesday morning, 520 sailors in dress whites formed a dockside honor cordon and ship-rail salute to Emory as he made a farewell visit to Bravo-21 pier where the USS



Ray Emory speaks to sailors and family members gathered during a farewell ceremony Tuesday.

Honolulu was berthed in 1941. He will soon go to the mainland to live with family after the death of his wife, Jinny, a month ago.

During a short ceremony, Emory told the sailors gathered there that he was ready to "head for the mainland and get my head screwed back on."

He later told reporters, "As of right now, I just want to go and clear my mind — just go fishing."

He was joined by his sister, grandson and other family members during the ceremony, which was held beside the base's official monument honoring the USS Honolulu's place in the historic attack.

Emory went on to serve on ships involved in the invasions of Tarawa, Kwajalein, Saipan, Guam, Leyte Gulf, Lingayen Gulf and Iwo Jima. He got out of the Navy in 1946 as a chief boatswain's mate and later earned a degree in architecture.

Emory toiled for years to identify the re-



Photos by WYATT OLSON/Stars and Stripes

Pearl Harbor attack survivor Emory is driven through a Navy honor cordon Tuesday at Pier B-21, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, as other sailors man the rails of the USS Chung-Hoon in the background.

main of servicemembers who died aboard the USS Oklahoma during the Dec. 7 Japanese attack and were buried as "unknowns" in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, also known as the Punchbowl. He lobbied to have the remains exhumed and scientifically identified.

"Ray fought and fought hard," Jim Taylor, Pearl Harbor survivor liaison to Navy Region Hawaii, told the audience.

Emory had been faced with "a lot of hard-headed people who were against him" in his effort to identify the unknowns, Taylor said.

In the past few years, most of the unknown graves have been exhumed and transferred to the lab at the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency at the joint base for identification.

"Over 100 unknowns have been identified over here at the lab and returned to the Punchbowl with the proper name markers or to the mainland," Taylor said.

"Ray, you're the man who did it, nobody else," Taylor said. "If it wasn't for you, it would have never been done."

Taylor presented Emory with a shadowbox holding an official POW-MIA flag.

"The bottom line is, you are not forgotten," Taylor said. "And all those 100 people that you have personally been involved in identifying, they were not forgotten."

Emory was visibly moved at several points during the honor cordon and ceremony, which had been a surprise to him.

"A couple weeks ago, when I decided probably to head for the mainland, there was one thing I would like to do," he said. "I would like to go back down, just drop off at Pier 21 and say goodbye. Well, I'm saying goodbye, but I didn't expect all these people to be here. Thank you very, very, very much."

"Hawaii's going to miss him," Taylor said after the ceremony.

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North Korea's leader Kim Jong Un, left, and China's President Xi Jinping toast Tuesday in Beijing.

## Kim meets with Chinese leader to demonstrate close relations

By CHRISTOPHER BODEEN

Associated Press

BEIJING — North Korean leader Kim Jong Un met with Chinese President Xi Jinping on Wednesday in a visit designed to convey the countries' growing closeness.

Kim and Xi held a second day of talks at the Diaoyutai State Guesthouse, whose grounds China's official Xinhua News Agency described in unusually lyrical terms as being full of "verdant greenery and splendid flowers," adding to what the propaganda outlet said was the "close and friendly atmosphere" of the talks.

The pomp and circumstance looked geared toward showing off the major improvement in relations between the communist neighbors, along with China's important role in keeping North Korea on track. But it cast no new light on the main question that hangs over the previously reclusive North Korean leader's surge in diplomatic activity in recent months: What next steps, if any, will Kim take to dismantle his country's nuclear program?

At his summit with U.S. President Donald Trump last week in Singapore, Kim pledged to work toward denuclearization in exchange for U.S. security guarantees. The U.S. and South Korea also suspended a major joint military exercise that was planned for August in what was seen as a major victory for North Korea and its chief allies, China and Russia.

Chinese state media quoted Xi as hailing the warming friendship with Kim but included no mention of any specific discussions on making progress on the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula. Xi said China is pleased that "the momentum for dialogue and easing of situation on the Korean Peninsula has been effectively strengthened," according to Xinhua.

In Seoul, South Korean President Moon Jae-in urged North Korea to present actionable plans on

how it will scrap its nuclear program, and for the United States to swiftly take unspecified corresponding measures.

"It's necessary for North Korea to present far more concrete denuclearization plans, and I think it's necessary for the United States to swiftly reciprocate by coming up with comprehensive measures," Moon said. Moon's office said he made the remarks to Russian media ahead of his trip to Moscow later this week.

Moon, who has met with Kim twice in recent months, said the North Korean leader is willing to give up his nuclear program and focus on economic development if he's provided with a reliable security guarantee. Moon described Kim as "forthright," "careful" and "polite."

China backs the North's call for a "phased and synchronous" approach to denuclearization, as opposed to Washington's demand for an instant, total and irreversible end to the North's nuclear programs.

Accompanied by an elaborate escort of motorcycles and black sedans, Kim left for Pyongyang later in the day, ending his third visit to China this year. State television showed Kim visiting an agricultural technology park and rail traffic control center in Beijing, accompanied by Beijing's top official, Cai Qi.

Kim's motorcade had earlier been seen leaving the North Korean Embassy on Wednesday afternoon as police closed off major roads and intersections in central Beijing. Gawking pedestrians watched the passing motorcade that included Kim's limousine — a black Mercedes-Benz Maybach with gold emblems on the rear doors.

A report by North Korea's official Korean Central News Agency said Kim told Xi at a welcoming banquet on Tuesday that North Korea-China ties are developing into "unprecedentedly special relations."

### FROM FRONT PAGE

Moon was speaking to Russian reporters ahead of his state visit to Moscow later this week.

The annual drills — a cornerstone of the longstanding U.S.-South Korean alliance — have been a frequent source of tension with the North, which considers them rehearsals for an invasion and has long called for them to be canceled.

The August exercise, known as Uchi Freedom Guardian, is a two-week computerized simulation of possible war scenarios.

The Pentagon said it had suspended all planning for the exercise but "no decisions on subsequent war games have been made."

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and National Security Adviser John Bolton are to hold a

meeting on the issue at the Pentagon later this week, spokeswoman Dana White said.

Trump surprised many officials and allies when he announced plans to end the exercises during a press conference after his summit with Kim.

Kang declined to say if her government was given advance notice but said she received a phone call from Pompeo immediately after the first-ever U.S.-North Korea summit was held in Singapore.

# UN Command set to receive remains of GIs from North

By KIM GAMEL

Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — The U.N. Command in South Korea is planning for the North Koreans to turn over the remains of U.S. troops who died in the 1950-53 war, a spokeswoman said Wednesday.

It would be the first such repatriation in more than a decade.

The announcement follows an agreement by President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un during their summit last week to recover the remains of thousands of war dead, "including the immediate repatriation of those already identified."

The U.S.-led command didn't give a number or timing for the ceremony. The agency that oversees POW/MIA issues has said North Korean officials have indicated that they have recovered as many as 200 sets of remains over the years.

"United Nations Command Korea is planning for the repatriation of the remains of U.S. servicemembers previously recovered by [North Korea] the spokeswoman, Air Force Lt. Col. Jennifer Lovett, said in an email.

"We owe a profound debt of gratitude to U.S. service members who gave their lives in service to their country and we are working diligently to bring them home," she added. "This is an evolving situation and we will provide additional information when available."

South Korean President Moon Jae-in also said he expected the remains to be returned soon.

"I think probably the North Korea repatriation of the U.S. soldiers will be done in the near future," he told reporters on Wednesday.

More than 36,000 U.S. troops died in the three-year war, which ended in an armistice instead of a peace treaty, leaving the peninsula divided by one of the world's most heavily fortified borders.

That number includes 7,702 who are missing in action, with an estimated 5,300 believed to have been lost in the North, according to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency.

Recovery efforts have been subject to rising tensions over the North's

nuclear weapons program.

Joint U.S.-North Korean military search teams recovered 229 sets of American remains from North Korea between 1996 and 2005.

The United States was allowed to conduct 33 investigative and recovery operations in the country before former President George W. Bush's administration called off the search, claiming the safety of American participants was not guaranteed.

Critics at the time also argued the North was using the program to extort money from Washington, prompting the label "bones for bucks."

The last repatriation was in 2007 when then-New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson traveled to Pyongyang and returned with six sets of remains.

Trump said during a news conference after the summit that he had received "countless calls and letters" from family members asking for help obtaining remains. He brought up the issue with Kim at the "very last minute," he said.

"Even during the campaign, they'd say, 'Is there a way you can work with North Korea to get the remains of my son back or my father back?' So many people asked me this question," Trump said. "And, you know, I said, 'Look, we don't get along too well with that particular group of people.' But now we do. And he agreed to that so quickly and so nice — it was really a very nice thing."

The two sides "commit to recovering POW/MIA remains, including the immediate repatriation of those already identified," read the document, which was displayed by Trump at the ceremony.

Once they are returned, the remains will have to be identified to determine if they are Americans or allied servicemembers.

Moon said earlier this month that he hoped to use the burgeoning goodwill with the North to send teams to retrieve remains from the Demilitarized Zone and other areas. South Korea still has more than 120,000 troops that are unaccounted for.

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## Korea: Foreign minister says Washington, Seoul are in more frequent contact

"I can assure you that the level of consultation between us and the United States at all levels has never been so close and so frequent," she said.

South Korea's military, meanwhile, said it had postponed a unilateral simulation-based exercise that had been scheduled for next week, according to the Yonhap News Agency.

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## MILITARY

# B-1B Lancers cleared to resume flights

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The Air Force's B-1B Lancers have been cleared to resume flying after a safety stand-down that grounded the fleet on June 7 because of concerns about the plane's ejection seat components, officials said.

Air Force Global Strike Command announced Tuesday that the B-1B would return to the skies sometime this week despite an ongoing investigation into what caused an ejection seat to malfunction during an in-flight emergency on one of the bombers last month.

A B-1 was forced to make an emergency landing May 1 at Midland, Texas, about 150 miles west of where it's assigned at Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene.

"We have high confidence that the fleet's egress systems are capable and the fleet is ready to return to normal flight operations," said Maj. Gen. Thomas Bussiere, 8th Air Force commander, in a statement Tuesday. Bussiere is responsible for the Air Force bomber force.

On June 8, a day after Gen. Robin Rand, Air Force Global Strike Command commander, ordered the safety stand-down, the Air Force revealed that during an investigation of the Midland incident, an issue with ejection seat components was discovered, prompting the fleet's grounding.

The stand-down allowed the command time to thoroughly evaluate the egress components and determine potential risks before returning to flight, officials said Tuesday. The investigation is ongoing.

Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson revealed more details about the May 1 incident during a talk Monday at the Defense Communities summit in Washington, Air Force Times reported.

Wilson said a B-1 instructor pilot out training with a "brand-new crew" less than two years out of college experienced a fire in the wing, according to a transcript of her remarks, published Tuesday by Air Force Times.

"They go through their checklists," she said. "They do everything they are supposed to do and

they still have an indication that they have a fire.

"The next thing on the checklist is to eject from the airplane," Wilson said, according to Air Force Times.

When the first crewmember pulled the handle to eject, the cover came off the seat but nothing else happened, Wilson said.

"Within two seconds of knowing that had happened the aircraft commander says, 'Cease ejection. We'll try to land,'" Wilson was reported to have said.

The B-1's four crewmembers landed safely and were not injured, Dyess officials said at the time. There were no munitions on the aircraft.

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**A U.S. Air Force B-1B Lancer takes off from RAF Fairford, England, on June 2. The Air Force said the bombers are cleared to return to flying this week though a safety investigation is continuing.**

## VA inspector general says acting VA secretary is concealing information

By NIKKI WENTLING  
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WASHINGTON — The acting secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs and the agency's inspector general are engaged in a power struggle, each accusing the other of withholding access to information and impeding VA oversight.

The rift was revealed this week when Inspector General Michael Missal sought help from Congress to obtain information that he argues VA leaders have been unlawfully withholding for months.

Missal, wrote to lawmakers Monday that the VA is inappropriately refusing to release hundreds of employee complaints submitted to the VA Office of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection — information he's been attempting to get since November.

The struggle sparked a larger debate between Missal and acting VA Secretary Peter O'Rourke over the responsibilities of an inspector general. In letters sent back and forth during the past two weeks, Missal accused O'Rourke of working to hinder his oversight duties. O'Rourke lambasted Missal, describing him and his staff as unprofessional, biased and reckless.

At the conclusion of a letter sent June 11, O'Rourke challenged Missal's role as an independent watchdog.

"You ... appear to misunderstand the independent nature of your role and operate as a completely unfettered, autonomous

agency," O'Rourke wrote. "You are reminded that OIG is loosely tethered to VA, and in your specific case as the VA inspector general, I am your immediate supervisor. You are directed to act accordingly."

Rep. Tim Walz, D-Minn., and Sen. John Tester, D-Mont. — the ranking Democrats on the House and Senate veterans affairs committees — stepped in Tuesday and asked the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency to get involved. The council is an independent entity in the executive branch of the federal government that weighs in on effectiveness issues at IG offices.

Walz on Tuesday described O'Rourke as "out of control" and unfit for government leadership. O'Rourke began working at the VA in January 2017 and has served as acting secretary for three weeks.

"O'Rourke made an explicit attempt to intimidate the inspector general and deter the VA Office of Inspector General from carrying out its legal duty to hold VA officials accountable to the American people and the veterans among them," Walz said in a statement. "This is extremely unacceptable."

The information Missal wants is from the Office of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection, a VA office created last year to carry out disciplinary actions and handle whistleblower complaints.

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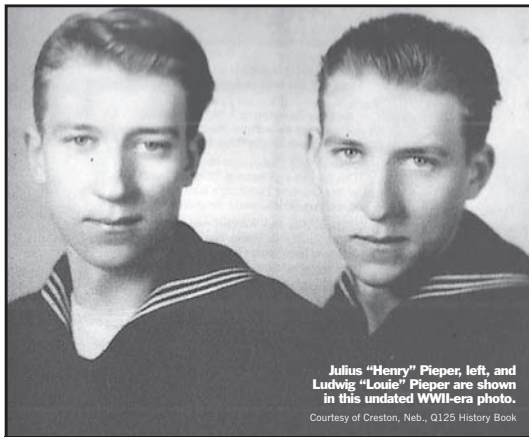


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## EUROPE



Julius "Henry" Pieper, left, and Ludwig "Louie" Pieper are shown in this undated WWII-era photo. Courtesy of Creston, Neb., Q125 History Book

# REUNITED

## Twins laid to rest together at Normandy 74 years after their ship was sunk

By ERIK SLAVIN  
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NORMANDY, AMERICAN CEMETERY, France — Seventy-four years to the day after a German mine ended their lives off Omaha Beach, Petty Officers 2nd Class Julius "Henry" Pieper and Ludwig "Louie" Pieper are together again.

Henry's burial at his brother's side — the first Normandy burial since at least 1956, officials at the site said — is a culmination of improbable actions and events that included the review of a grave marked "unknown" in Belgium, a high school history project, a military forensics team review and a family gathering in small-town Nebraska.

A group of Naples-based sailors carried Henry's flag-draped casket to a grave marked by a marble white cross lying next to Louie's grave, which was moved from another plot for the occasion.

The sailors folded the flag and Rear Adm. Shawn E. Duane presented it to Linda Pieper Sutor, the brothers' niece and next of kin.

"It's a life-changing event for me," said Sutor, of Green Valley, Ariz., who plans to meet with the local American Legion and talk with high school students about the sacrifices made by servicemembers like the Pieper brothers.

Henry and Louie Pieper joined the Navy together in 1943, following the path of their brother Fred, who went on to serve in the Guadalcanal campaign. They trained as radiomen and were about to be separated until their father, Otto, wrote a letter to their commanding officer asking them to remain together.

"Their feeling was that they came into this life together, and whatever happened to them, they wanted to be together," said Susan Lawrence, another of the brothers' nieces.

The Piepers' ship, Landing Ship Tank

523, transported troops and supplies during the Normandy invasion, beginning on June 6, 1944.

LST-523 left Portsmouth, England, for another troop transport mission on June 18, 1944, according to Tec 5 Clifford C. Alexander, whose testimony was included in a December 1944 investigation report. They were about a mile and a half from Utah Beach at 1 p.m. the following day when they raised their anchor.

They "had been underway several minutes when a tremendous explosion occurred somewhat aft of the center of the ship," Alexander said in the report.

Many of those aboard, who included crewmembers and soldiers from the 300th Combat Engineer Battalion, were in the mess line near the center of the ship and died soon after a German magnetic mine tore it in two.

Rescue ships showed up 10 to 20 minutes after the blast, according to several accounts. Of the 145 onboard, 117 died. Louie's body was recovered in the water and buried at Normandy American Cemetery.

Henry's name was placed alongside more than 1,500 others on the cemetery's Walls of the Missing.

In 1961, a French salvage group dived down to the LST-523 wreck and found multiple sets of remains. No one notified the Piepers of the excavation.

In 1965, remains from the ship were transferred to a grave marked "unknown" at the Ardennes American Cemetery and Memorial in Neuville, Belgium.

### A special school project

Nearly 50 years later, Vanessa Taylor, a sophomore at Ainsworth High School, Neb., and her teacher, Nichole Flynn, were among 15 student-teacher teams selected by the nonprofit National History Day to participate in the annual Normandy Sacrifice for Freedom Albert H. Small Student



Above: Pallbearers from U.S. Naval Hospital Naples, Italy, carry the coffin of Julius "Henry" Pieper to his final resting place during a ceremony at Normandy American Cemetery in Colleville-sur-Mer, France, on Tuesday.

Left: Roses lie in chairs next to Pieper's headstone.

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and Teacher Institute.

Their task was to research a "silent hero" from their home state whose story hadn't been told. In 2015, Taylor came upon two sailors with the same last name after searching the Normandy cemetery's database.

She became intrigued and, through continued research, confirmed that they were twins and contacted Henry and Louie's sister, Mary Ann Lawrence.

"Having the chance to talk with her, it really felt like [the brothers] were real people whose stories needed to be told rather than just something from a textbook," Taylor said by phone from Kearney, Neb., where she now attends college.

Taylor and Flynn requested Henry Pieper's deceased personnel file, which documents a servicemember's death and the disposition of remains. Meanwhile, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, or DPAA, had already been looking generally at cases of graves marked unknown.

The file request put Henry Pieper's case in the spotlight.

"If [Taylor] hadn't made the request at the time, we don't know when this (ceremony) would have happened," Tim Nosal, spokesman for the American Battle Monuments Commission, said Tuesday.

Further research determined that the remains in the unknown grave came from the LST-523 radio room. DPAA requested the remains be sent to Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., for laboratory analysis and medical record comparisons.

On Memorial Day 2016, Flynn and Taylor traveled about three hours to Creston, Neb., which became Henry and Louie's home after they moved from Esmond, S.D., as children. The Pieper family flew in from all over the country and spoke with them. They heard details they never knew about the brothers, who died as 19-year-olds.

Taylor went on to give her eulogy of Henry at Normandy as part of the Na-

tional History Day program. The text is available at a project website she created, <http://78868238.nhd.weebly.com/>.

Family members said they heard little about Henry and Louie growing up. The painful memories were largely avoided. But on Tuesday, they shared the anecdotes passed down to them of two fun-loving, nearly inseparable twins.

"The only time they were separated is when they had different girlfriends," said Henry Pieper, who was named after his uncle. "And they even had twins as girlfriends."

Mary Ann Lawrence, Susan's mother, joined the Naval Reserve under the WAVES program. She was the last alive of Henry and Louie's siblings. She found out that Henry's remains had been accounted for just before Thanksgiving last year.

"I was shocked and surprised and happy," Mary Ann Lawrence told the Omaha World-Herald in January.

Mary Ann Lawrence died May 5. That she lived to know what happened provided solace, as does the family's faith that she is with her brothers now.

"Nothing could have been better for Thanksgiving, at last, to have that knowledge," Susan Lawrence said. "It was a kind of burden she had been holding all this time."

On Tuesday, some of the Piepers and their spouses shed tears as Navy Chaplain Lt. Ken Stiles gave the benediction. They put flowers on Henry's casket, and later Sutor placed a rose next to his name on the Walls of the Missing, formally marking him in a known grave.

Each of the family members expressed gratitude to everyone who made the day's events possible.

"I just don't know how to put it into words, I really don't," Susan Lawrence said. "It's such a blessing overall, such a blessing."

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# EUROPE



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Adm. James Foggo, commander of U.S. Naval Forces Europe and Africa, says increased Russian naval presence in the Mediterranean raises the possibility of a "miscalculation."

## Foggo: Russian sub use, tactics a growing threat

By SCOTT WYLAND  
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NAPLES, Italy — Russia is deploying more submarines to the Mediterranean, the Black Sea and North Atlantic than at any time since the Cold War as part of a growing power game driving the U.S. to revive a decommissioned fleet and NATO to strengthen its naval defenses, the Navy's top commander in the theater said.

Russia is upgrading its submarine forces and improving its missile capabilities, all while relations between Moscow and NATO remain tense over Russia's annexation of Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula in 2014, Adm. James Foggo, commander of U.S. Naval Forces Europe and Africa, said in a recent interview.

"The illegal annexation of Crimea... that certainly has put a strain on our relationship," Foggo told Stars and Stripes this month. "It's their bad behavior, not ours. It's the things they are doing."

The Navy is reviving 2nd Fleet, though on a smaller scale than the one deactivated in 2011, to supply more ships in what Foggo described as growing competition between Russia and NATO in the Atlantic Ocean.

The renewed 2nd Fleet will be a Norfolk, Va.-based joint forces command, with many details yet to be worked out, Foggo said, adding that Navy leaders will know more after NATO's July summit in Brussels.

Foggo said he's impressed with the missile-launching ability of Russian submarines, such as the Kilo-class boats deployed to the

Mediterranean and the Black Sea. The diesel-electric submarines carry as many as 18 torpedoes and eight surface-to-air missiles.

Some Russian submarine missiles have the range to reach any European capital, Foggo said.

"So I think it's important for us to have the situational awareness of where those platforms are operating at all times," Foggo said. "We have seen the caliber of missile launches from their platforms into targets in Syria. (It) is a very capable weapon system."

The U.S. has the means to combat Russian submarines — with P-8 Poseidons from the air, Arleigh Burke-class destroyers from the surface and U.S. nuclear-powered submarines underwater, Foggo said.

Nearly all of NATO's 29 countries have navies to assist in anti-submarine warfare, most notably Germany, which, despite recent setbacks, has some of the best submarines in the world, Foggo said.

Late last year, Germany had no working submarines because five were either being repaired or were in extended maintenance, and one was still being built.

Russia's surface fleet development lags behind its undersea forces, Foggo said. It has begun to build smaller, faster warships with high-tech weaponry but has yet to build an aircraft carrier that rivals U.S. carriers, he said.

The Navy's fleet of fast-attack submarines is scheduled to dwindle from 52 to 42 by 2028, according to an April Congressional Research Service report, as Cold War-era boats reach their decom-

missioning dates.

Now the U.S. must build more submarines in response to Russia's resurgent forces, said Tomas Valasek, director of Carnegie Europe, a think tank focused on security based in Brussels.

"Now they (submarines) are needed again," Valasek said. "Absolutely."

Russia began deploying more naval forces into the Mediterranean after its relations with NATO turned more adversarial in 2014, Foggo said.

In March, U.S. European Commander Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti testified before Congress that Russian submarines were deploying more often and "are being modernized, particularly with their weapons systems."

Some of the increased activity stems from the Russian navy becoming more active in its long-time Tartus base on the Syrian coast, Foggo said.

The increased Russian naval presence in the busy Mediterranean "raises the possibility that there could be a mistake or miscalculation," Foggo said.

Russian and Pentagon leaders have met once a year since the early 1970s to exchange grievances about naval incidents deemed unsafe or unprofessional, Foggo said.

Since 2014, this yearly sit-down has become the only formal discussion between the two navies, he said, which makes it harder to prevent misunderstandings.

"I hope that will change in the future," Foggo said.

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## EUCOM moves ahead with new north-south war game campaign

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STUTTGART, Germany — U.S. commanders are reorganizing major exercises in Europe in a move expected to bring more large drills into the southern part of the Continent, where U.S. European Command is expanding resources even as the military has curtailed war games in South Korea.

In 2018, EUCOM will run 11 major exercises that cost about \$65 million. The drills bring together air, sea and ground troops as well as many allied militaries that would join the U.S. in fighting in a potential conflict in Europe.

EUCOM now wants to stretch its resources by alternating its focus each year with major assets shifting to a northern exercise campaign on even years and a southern campaign on odd years, said Air Force Brig. Gen. John P. Healy, who leads EUCOM's exercises and assessments division.

"It gets down to the prioritizing of resources," Healy said last week. "We can't do everything, everywhere all the time."

EUCOM has beefed up its drills in recent years in an effort to enhance the combat readiness of its forces because of concerns about a more aggressive Russia. However, President Donald Trump has called into question the value of the war games. In South Korea, Trump surprised military leaders when he ordered a halt to exercises there while the U.S. is involved in talks over the North's nuclear program.

Trump hasn't signaled a pause on the major exercises in Europe. Still, he has emphasized his interest in improving relations with Russia and could meet with President Vladimir Putin ahead of next month's NATO summit in Brussels. Moscow routinely complains about large U.S.-led drills

on its periphery and troop deployments in Eastern Europe.

EUCOM leaders understand multinational exercises come with a cost, but commanders consider them indispensable.

"It all gets down to readiness," Healy said. "How ready are we to execute our missions to work with our allies, to work with our partners in defense of Europe if we don't practice with our allies, with our partners?"

"If we don't have those reps and sets at the gym then when it comes time to actually use those (skills), we aren't going to be as strong as we have to be," he said.

Countering Russia and coordinating with allies in the Baltics and Poland has been the military's primary focus in Europe in recent years, and it's resulted in some of the largest war games on the Continent since the Cold War ended. This year, exercises like Saber Strike brought some 18,000 troops together to maneuver around the Baltics and Poland.

Next year, the largest war games will be carried out in southern Europe, but smaller drills will still continue in the North, Healy said. Besides the 12 major annual exercises led by EUCOM, service components run more than 200 smaller drills.

EUCOM's focus now is regaining the command-and-control warfighting skills that were second nature during the Cold War but have since atrophied.

"We've switched from a building-partnership-capacity-type theater at EUCOM to more deterrence posture. That is what we are getting after right now," Healy said. "The fundamental shift we are going through is getting after our ability to deter and operate in the environment if it goes bad."

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## NATION

# Trump to sign order to end border separations

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump abruptly reversed course Wednesday, saying he would sign an executive order ending family separations at the U.S.-Mexico border after a public uproar over his administration's "zero tolerance" immigration policy.

The plan, as described by administration officials, would keep families together in federal custody while awaiting prosecution for illegal border crossings, potentially violating a 1997 court settlement limiting the duration of child detentions.

"We have to be very strong on the border, but at the same time we want to be very compassionate," Trump said at the White House during a meeting with lawmakers that was opened to the media.

Trump had repeatedly defended his immigration crackdown, including forcibly separating migrant children from their parents after they crossed the border. But images of young children in tears, housed in metal cages, set off an international outcry.

For days, Trump and his top administration officials were unwilling to unilaterally reverse the separation policy and insisted that congressional action was required.

The inaction sparked international outrage, including criticism from Pope Francis and opposition from world leaders.

Trump's remarks came shortly after House Republican leaders vowed to bring broader immigration legislation up for votes Thursday to address the crisis, despite widespread skepticism that a bill could pass.

One administration official said Trump's order would end separations by keeping families together in immigration detention centers.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement operates two large detention centers for families in Texas and a smaller one in Pennsylvania, but their combined capacity is about 3,000 beds.

As of mid-June, the three centers were nearly full, meaning ICE would potentially need to place children in its much larger network of immigration jails for adults.

That would most likely violate the 1997 "Flores Settlement" agreement that limits the government's ability to keep children in detention.

A subsequent ruling in 2016 required the government to release underage migrants from immigration detention within 72 hours and place them in the "least restrictive" settings possible, while generally barring the government from keeping children in family detention centers for more than 20 days.

An administration official with knowledge of the plan indicated that the Trump administration was anticipating lawsuits and preparing to litigate Flores in court, particularly if lawmakers fail to approve a legislative fix.



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**Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., center, told reporters that Republicans talked about the Trump administration's policy of separating families after illegal border crossings.**

## House GOP gets little direction from Trump on immigration policy

By LISA MASCARO  
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump told House Republicans Tuesday he was "1,000 percent" behind their rival immigration bills, providing little clear direction for party leaders searching for a way to defuse the escalating controversy over family separations at the southern border.

By Wednesday, Trump changed course and said he would be signing an executive order that would end the process of separating children from families after they are detained crossing the U.S. border illegally.

"We want to keep families together. It's very important," Trump told reporters Wednesday during a White House meeting with members of Congress.

The effort would mark a dramatic turnaround for an administration that has been insisting, wrongly, that it has no choice but to separate families apprehended at the border because of the law and a court decision.

GOP lawmakers have been increasingly fearful of a voter backlash in November. They met with Trump for about an hour Tuesday at the Capitol to try to seek a solution that both holds to Trump's hard-line immigration policy and ends the practice of taking migrant children from parents charged with entering the country illegally.

While Trump held firm to his tough immigration stance in an earlier appearance Tuesday, he acknowledged during the closed-door meeting that the coverage of family separations is taking a toll.

"He said, 'Politically, this is bad,'" said Rep. Randy Weber, R-Texas. "It's not about the politics; this is the right thing to do."

But Trump touched on many topics during the meeting, including his historic meeting with the North Korean Kim Jong Un. He praised a few GOP lawmakers by name for defending him on TV, ac-

cording to one Republican in the room. And he took a jab at Rep. Mark Sanford, congratulating the South Carolina Republican on his recent campaign, according to others granted anonymity to discuss the private meeting. Sanford, a frequent Trump critic, lost after his GOP primary opponent highlighted his criticism of the president.

As Trump walked out of the session in the Capitol basement, he was confronted by about a half-dozen House Democrats, who yelled, "Stop separating our families!"

Later in the day, protesters heckled Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen as she ate dinner at a Mexican restaurant in Washington, chanting "Shame!" and "End family separation!"

Leaders in both the House and Senate have been struggling to shield the party's lawmakers from the public outcry over images of children taken from migrant parents and held in cages at the border. But they are running up against Trump's shifting views on specifics and his determination, according to advisers, not to look soft on his signature immigration issue, the border wall.

Even if Republicans manage to pass an immigration bill through the House, which is a tall order, the fight is all but certain to fizzle in the Senate.

Without Democratic support, Republicans cannot muster the 60 votes needed to move forward on legislation.

In the House, GOP leaders scrambled Tuesday to produce a revised version of the broader immigration bill that would keep children in detention longer than now permitted — but with their parents.

The major change unveiled Tuesday would loosen rules that now limit the amount of time minors can be held to 20 days, according to a GOP source familiar with the measure. Instead, the children could be detained indefinitely with their parents.

## Immigration issues ripple through midterm campaigns

By BILL BARROW  
Associated Press

Wrenching scenes of migrant children being separated from their parents at the southern border are roiling campaigns ahead of midterm elections, emboldening Democrats on the often-fraught issue of immigration while forcing an increasing number of Republicans to break from President Donald Trump on an issue important to the GOP's most ardent supporters.

Kim Schrier, a Democrat running for a House seat outside Seattle, said Trump is pushing an "absolutely unethical, inhumane" policy before the president said Wednesday he would sign an executive order reversing the policy.

"We are talking about American values, not Democratic values, and this is something that will flip people to a Democrat in this election," Schrier said.

That prospect was enough for House Republicans' national campaign chairman, Ohio Rep. Steve Stivers, to offer cover Monday to vulnerable GOP members. Stivers said in a statement that he's asking "the administration to stop needlessly separating children from their parents" and suggested he'd examine legislative options if Trump doesn't budge.

With control of the House and potentially the Senate up for grabs, the searing images



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**Immigrants recently processed and released by U.S. Customs and Border Protection wait at the Catholic Charities RGV on Wednesday in McAllen, Texas.**

coming from the border have the potential to scramble midterm politics. Though controversy has dominated Trump's presidency, the growing furor over the separations struck a deeply emotional chord in both parties that may not calm anytime soon — even in districts that don't have large immigrant or Hispanic populations.

Democrats are hoping the issue will encourage more Latino voters to show up on Election Day, while also providing an opening for non-Hispanic independents in other swing districts.

Democrats also are buoyed by Trump drawing criticism from typically GOP friendly territory:

the religious community. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, which often wades into politics with its opposition to abortion rights and same-sex marriage, has decried the administration, as have mainline Protestant churches, the Mormon Church and evangelical leaders.

Still, Democratic pollster Paul Maslin offered a caveat to members of his party sending a new opening: the public's short attention span. "In Trump world, the stories change daily, if not hourly," he said. "It was North Korea just last week. Immigration this week. Next week, who knows? Round and round we go."

NATION

# Methodists scold Sessions over border policy

By DEB RIECHMANN  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — More than 600 members of Attorney General Jeff Sessions' church have denounced him over the Trump administration's "zero tolerance" immigration policy that has led to children being separated from their parents at the border.

Members of the United Methodist Church from across the country signed a letter Monday accusing Sessions of child abuse, immorality and racial discrimination. They also chided Sessions for using Scripture to defend the policy, saying it runs counter to the church's doctrine.

Sessions also was blasted in a

separate letter signed by 75 former U.S. attorneys from both parties, who want Sessions to end the family separation policy at the border. Their letter, published Monday on Medium, said the policy results in families and children being greeted "with unexpected cruelty at the doorstep of the United States."

"Traumatizing children by separating them from their parents as a deterrent for adult conduct is, in our view, sufficient reason to halt your policy," they wrote, adding that the legal work required to prosecute misdemeanor illegal entry cases takes away from more significant offenses like terrorism-related plots, corruption and human and drug trafficking.

"As former U.S. attorneys, we know that none of these consequences — nor the policy itself — is required by law. Rather, its implementation and its execution are taking place solely at your direction, and the unfolding tragedy falls squarely on your shoulders."

The hundreds of United Methodist Church pastors and parishioners said holding thousands of young children in mass incarceration facilities and directing staff members to take children from their parents violates the Methodists' Book of Discipline.

Addressing "church friends" in a speech last week, Sessions said: "I would cite you to the Apostle Paul and his clear and wise command in Romans 13, to obey the

laws of the government because God has ordained the government for his purposes. Orderly and lawful processes are good in themselves. Consistent, fair application of the law is in itself a good and moral thing, and that protects the weak and protects the lawful."

The Rev. David Wright, who spearheaded the complaint against Sessions, told USA Today that he hoped Methodist pastors could get Sessions to see the harm he is doing to immigrant children and persuade him to change his mind.

"My ideal outcome is that his pastors in church leadership who know him will speak with him," he said, "and that in those con-

versations he will be challenged to think through the level of harm he is causing and have a change of heart — which is about as Methodist as you can get."

The United Methodist bishop whose area includes Sessions' home church in Mobile, Ala., issued a statement Monday condemning the practice of pulling apart families, but without mentioning Sessions.

"I implore Congress and the current administration to do all in their power to reunite these families," said Bishop David Graves of the Alabama-West Florida Conference. "Changes to these laws need to be addressed starting today."

## US has long history of forcibly separating kids, families

By RUSSELL CONTRERAS  
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Some critics of the forced separation of Latino children from their migrant parents say the practice is unprecedented. But it's not the first time the U.S. government has split up families, detained children or allowed others to do so.

Throughout American history, during times of war and unrest, authorities have cited various reasons and laws to take children away from their parents. Here are some examples:

**Slavery.** Before abolition, children of black slaves were born into slavery and could be sold by owners at will. Black women could do little to stop the sale of children and often never saw them again after they were sent away.

Owners also split apart parents who had no legal rights to prevent their sale. To resist, slave families regularly ran away together but faced harsh physical punishment, even death, if caught.

Last week, both White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders and Attorney Jeff Sessions cited the Bible in defending the policy of forced separation of Latino migrant children. Sessions referenced Romans 13, which urges readers "to obey the laws of the government because God has ordained them for the purpose of order." The same passage was cited before the Civil War to justify slavery, to allow slave hunters to return runaway slaves to their owners and to pull slave children away from mothers.

**Native American boarding schools.** After the 1890 Wounded Knee Massacre, when the Army slaughtered 150 Lakota men, women and children in the last chapter of America's long Indian wars, authorities forced Native American families to send their children to government- or church-run boarding schools. The objective, as Carlisle Indian Industrial School founder Capt. Richard H. Pratt put it, was to "kill the Indian in him and save the man."

At 150 or so Indian schools



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Millie Friday, a Native American student who was taken from his family and forced to go to boarding school, is comforted by Barbara Andrews-Christy, of Circle Legacy Center, on Aug. 7, 2017, during a gathering on the grounds of Carlisle Barracks in Carlisle, Pa.

around the country, officials made Native American children cut their hair and outlawed all Native American languages. They forced children to adopt Christianity and attempted to "Americanize" children by introducing them to white customs and white history.

Native American children returned home almost unrecognizable to their parents.

**Poverty.** During the early 1900s, states sometimes pulled children from poor families and placed them in orphanages.

But reformers in the 1920s and 1930s began promoting the idea that children should not be separated from their families, according to "In the Shadow Of The Poorhouse: A Social History Of Welfare In America" by Michael B. Katz.

Local and state authorities still used poverty as a reason to take children away from Native American and black families, National Association of Social Workers CEO Angelo McClain said. Sometimes the ordered separation came over concerns about a parent's mental health.

Malcolm X in his autobiography recalled welfare workers coming

to take him and his siblings away as children from his struggling single mother after their father, an outspoken black preacher, was mysteriously murdered.

**Immigration.** During the Great Depression, local authorities in California and Texas participated in a mass deportation of Mexican immigrants and Mexican Americans they blamed for the economic downturn. Between 500,000 and 1 million Mexican immigrants and Mexican Americans were pushed out of the country during the 1930s repatriation, as the removal is sometimes called.

Some families hid children away from relatives in the U.S. to prevent them from being sent to a foreign country they had never visited, according to Francisco Balderrama, a Chicano studies professor at California State University-Los Angeles and co-author of "Decade of Betrayal: Mexican Repatriation in the 1930s."

Many families felt they were being forced to separate from their children, who were U.S. citizens. "And many children never saw their parents again," Balderrama said.

**Japanese internment camps.** Starting in 1942, when the U.S. was at war with Japan, around 120,000 people of Japanese an-

cestry were ordered by the U.S. government into prison camps around the country. An estimated 30,000 were children.

The 1999 documentary "Children of the Camps" highlighted the trauma children faced while being detained with their grief-stricken parents. Some older children waited to turn 18 so they could volunteer to fight for the U.S. to prove their families' loyalty despite not wanting to be separated from their parents. Diaries and later interviews show many of those who went into the military did so reluctantly.



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## NATION

# US cites bias in leaving Human Rights Council

By MATTHEW LEE  
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The United States is leaving the United Nations' Human Rights Council, which Ambassador Nikki Haley called "an organization that is not worthy of its name." It's the latest withdrawal by the Trump administration from an international institution.

Haley said Tuesday the U.S. had given the human rights body "opportunity after opportunity" to make changes. She lambasted the council for "its chronic bias against Israel" and lamented the fact that its membership includes accused human rights abusers such as China, Cuba, Venezuela and Congo.

"We take this step because our commitment does not allow us to remain a part of a hypocritical and self-serving organization that makes a mockery of human rights," Haley said.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, appearing alongside Haley at the State Department, said there was no doubt that the council once had a "noble vision."

"But today we need to be hon-



MARY ALTAFER/AP

**United States Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley said the U.S. is withdrawing from the U.N. Human Rights Council, calling it "not worthy of its name."**

est," Pompeo said. "The Human Rights Council is a poor defender of human rights."

The announcement came just a day after the U.N. human rights chief, Zeid Ra'ad al-Hussein, denounced the Trump administration for separating migrant children from their parents. But

Haley cited longstanding U.S. complaints that the 47-member council is biased against Israel. She had been threatening the pullout since last year unless the council made changes advocated by the U.S.

"Regrettably, it is now clear that our call for reform was not

heeded," Haley said.

Still, she suggested the decision need not be permanent, adding that if the council did adopt reforms, "we would be happy to rejoin it." She said the withdrawal notwithstanding, the U.S. would continue to defend human rights at the United Nations.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said the U.S. decision was "courageous," calling it "an unequivocal statement that enough is enough."

The move extends a broader Trump administration pattern of stepping back from international agreements and forums under the president's "America First" policy. Although numerous officials have said repeatedly that "America First does not mean America Alone," the administration has retreated from multiple multilateral accords and consensus since it took office.

Since January 2017, it has announced its withdrawal from the Paris climate accord, left the U.N. educational and cultural organization and pulled out of the Iran nuclear deal. Other contentious moves have included slapping tariffs on steel and aluminum against key trading partners,

recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital and moving the U.S. Embassy there from Tel Aviv.

The move could reinforce the perception that the Trump administration is seeking to advance Israel's agenda on the world stage, just as it prepares to unveil its long-awaited Israeli-Palestinian peace plan despite Palestinian outrage over the embassy relocation.

Trump's son-in-law and senior adviser, Jared Kushner, is visiting the Middle East this week as the White House works to lay the groundwork for unveiling the plan.

There are 47 countries in the Human Rights Council, elected by the U.N.'s General Assembly with a specific number of seats allocated for each region of the globe. Members serve for three-year terms and can serve only two terms in a row.

The United States has opted to stay out of the Human Rights Council before. The George W. Bush administration opted against seeking membership when the council was created in 2006. The U.S. joined the body in 2009 under President Barack Obama.

## GOP turns up heat in standoff with DOJ

By MARY CLARE JALONICK  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Republicans escalated their monthslong standoff with the Justice Department, saying the FBI hasn't adequately addressed bias within the agency and threatening to hold top department officials in contempt — or even impeach them.

The stepped-up criticism followed the department's internal watchdog report, released last week, criticizing the FBI's handling of the 2016 probe into Democrat Hillary Clinton's emails. It said political bias didn't affect the outcome of the investigation that eventually cleared her.

Bolstered by President Donald Trump, some Republicans say there's no way that bias against then-candidate Trump found among some employees didn't taint the Clinton probe — and, by extension, special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Trump's Republican campaign and

Russia.

At a House hearing Tuesday, Republicans angrily asked Justice Department inspector general Michael Horowitz how anti-Trump texts found between two employees who worked on the Clinton probe didn't influence the outcome. They also complained that they have not yet received some of the documents they have demanded from the department.

"We can't survive with a justice system we don't trust," said Republican Rep. Trey Gowdy, of South Carolina, the chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

Horowitz said in the report and repeated at the hearing that he had concluded the outcome of the investigation was determined by prosecutors' assessment of the facts, not by bias.

Democrats accused the Republicans of trying to distract from or undermine the Mueller investigation by focusing on a few employees who were biased. Several

Democrats talked about children separated from their parents at the border, asking why the committee's focus was still on the candidate who lost the presidency in 2016 instead of on current crises.

Democratic Rep. Jamie Raskin, of Maryland, said Republicans were stuck in a "time warp." Democratic Rep. Eric Swalwell, of California, noted that the Judiciary Committee oversees immigration issues and should be focused on that.

The inspector general report did not touch on the Russia investigation.

The outrage in the wake of the inspector general's report is the latest in a series of complaints from Republicans about the FBI. Multiple committees are investigating the agency's actions in 2016 related to the Clinton email probe and the beginning of the investigation into Russian election meddling and whether Trump's campaign was involved. Mueller took over the Russia investigation last year and is also investigating whether Trump obstructed justice.



MANUEL BALCE CENETA/AP

**Department of Justice Inspector General Michael Horowitz testifies before a House committee on the Judiciary and House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform joint hearing on Tuesday.**

As part of their investigations, Republicans have requested more than 1 million documents. The Justice Department has provided some of them, but GOP lawmakers say they haven't provided enough — leading to the threats of contempt or impeachment.

## Voters nominate DC mayor for another term, OK tips law

By ASHRAF KHALIL  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Washington Mayor Muriel Bowser narrowly secured the Democratic Party nomination as she seeks a second term in office.

Voters on Tuesday also approved a ballot initiative that will restructure the payment system for waiters, bartenders and other tipped employees in bars and restaurants.

Bowser campaigned on her record of leading the District of



Bowser

Columbia through an economic turnaround and a development boom. However, her administration has struggled in recent months

to contain multiple scandals in the Washington public school system, including the revelation that chronic student absences were

ignored or covered up in order to maintain high graduation rates.

Bowser, 45, a former member of the D.C. Council, defeated incumbent Mayor Vincent Gray in 2014.

The election in November is considered a formality in the District of Columbia, where the Republican Party holds little sway.

Initiative 77 passed with 55 percent of the vote. It will eliminate the "tipped minimum wage" — the two-tiered system under which restaurant and bar owners pay servers, bartenders and bussers a lower hourly wage with the expect-

ation that they will be compensated with tips from customers.

Currently, those employees can make as little as \$3.33 per hour; however, the employer is legally required to make up the difference if the employee's salary plus tips add up to less than the current minimum wage of \$12.50 per hour.

In other votes, Eleanor Holmes Norton, Washington's nonvoting delegate to the House of Representatives, and several incumbent members of the D.C. Council won

their primary races.

Incumbent councilmembers securing nominations Tuesday include Council Chairman Phil Mendelson, Ward 1 Councilmember Brianne Nadeau, Ward 5 Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie, Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen and At-Large Councilmember Anita Bonds. Ward 3 Councilmember Mary Cheh ran unopposed.

The District's nonvoting shadow senator, Michael Brown, also won his primary race.

## NATION

# Many dwellings in Puerto Rico still lack roofs

By BEN FOX  
Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Hurricane Maria ripped away part of the steel roof from Carmen Lidia Torres Mercado's home in the Puerto Rican capital. Nine months later, she is still relying on a blue plastic tarp to protect her home, even with a new storm season already 2 weeks old.

Torres pointed out where rain seeps into the bedroom of her small house in a San Juan neighborhood known as Barriada Figueroa, where the narrow streets surged with floodwaters during the Sept. 20 storm. But the 60-year-old retiree said she has no money to fix it on her own and doesn't have the documents proving home ownership that she needs to qualify for assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

"In truth, this isn't a suitable place to live," Torres said in an interview at her home on a recent morning.

There are thousands of people in similar circumstances across Puerto Rico nearly nine months since the most devastating storm to strike the island in decades. Blue tarps or sturdier plastic sheets installed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are still widely visible around the island, though FEMA and local govern-

ment agencies say they can't say for certain how many roofs still need to be replaced.

Many people lack insurance or other resources to rebuild on their own. While the U.S. and Puerto Rican government have helped with grants and loans, they haven't been enough on an island where nearly half the people live in poverty.

Some are renters like Gabriel Figueroa, a self-employed handyman in San Juan, who said the owner of the house moved to the U.S. and hasn't bothered to replace the roof panels that were blown away in the storm. He's saving up the \$2,000 he needs to do it himself, but isn't there yet.

"I don't want to wait much longer," he said. "I have kids and I have to protect them."

There has been significant progress in recovery in general. Power, water and cellphone service have been restored to more than 95 percent of Puerto Ricans. Businesses are operating and the roads are no longer free-for-alls now that many traffic lights are working again. There are signs of economic recovery, with the government reporting last week that unemployment for May was 9.6 percent, the lowest level in almost 30 years.

But housing remains a challenge. Mayor Rafael Surillo, of Yabucoa, the small southeastern



CARLOS GUSTIA/AP

Thousands of homes in Puerto Rico are still missing roofs nine months after the island was devastated by Hurricane Maria. Many, like the home in the foreground in the El Gandul neighborhood seen June 13, are using sturdy tarp as covering.

town near where Maria made landfall, said at least 800 homes there still have temporary roofs in need of replacement. The San Juan's mayor's office says there are at least 2,000 in the capital, several thousand more in the metropolitan area.

So many temporary roofs remain, Surillo said, because people either can't qualify for loans or grants — often because they don't have the titles to their property or are missing documents — or the amount of assistance they can get isn't enough to cover the cost of repairs. Local officials have been working with people to secure new property title documents, but it has been difficult.

"The reconstruction has been extremely slow, dangerously slow," Surillo said.

FEMA, which was accepting initial applications for assistance through Monday, has had a visible presence on the island, dis-

tributing 126,000 blue tarps and coordinating the installation of sturdier, but still temporary, blue plastic sheets by the Corps of Engineers on nearly 60,000 homes. The agency said it has approved 457,000 applications for individual assistance, totaling \$1.3 billion.

The federal agency, however, is not set up as a replacement for homeowner's insurance, which a significant portion of Puerto Rico lacks. Spokeswoman Jo Ann Diaz said FEMA can't make people whole despite expectations to the contrary. "We help you until you are on the road to recovery," she said.

That reality has slowly sunk in across Puerto Rico. Dilma Gonzalez, 47, said she received \$132 from FEMA, for damage to her roof and kitchen that a contractor said would cost at least \$6,000 to repair. She had no insurance and hasn't worked since the storm.

"I'm worried because it's al-

ready storm season and one little wind will take it all away," she said, gesturing at her house as she chatted with neighbors on the street.

Angel Santos Rivera was among the tens of thousands of FEMA applicants who got no assistance. The 75-year-old said he could neither read nor write, but he passed on a letter from the agency stating that he was ineligible for assistance because he could not provide sufficient proof that he owns the home where he has lived for 40 years. Upstairs, he brought out a battered file folder with the property title, missing all the pages but the one with his notarized signature. He shrugged as he talked in the shade of his balcony, the light tinged blue from the plastic sheet that protects him from the sun and rain.

"It's in God's hands," Rivera said. "There's nothing you can do."

## Teen to be sentenced in Facebook feud slaying

Associated Press

CHICAGO — A Chicago teenager will be sentenced Wednesday for using a gun given to her by an uncle to kill another girl in an untold case of a Facebook feud. A boy, ending a chapter in a case that came to symbolize how the gun violence that plagues parts of the city passes from one generation to the next.

The teen, who turns 19 next month, pleaded guilty in January to first-degree murder in the April 2014 killing of Endia Martin, when both were 14 years old, and attempted first-degree murder in the wounding of Lanekia Reynolds, the girl she went to fight that day.

The defendant, who isn't being named because she was charged as a juvenile, faces a mandatory sentence of at least five years in custody and can't be held beyond



JESSICA KOSCIELNIAK, CHICAGO SUN-TIME/AP

Julie Williams, back to camera, receives a hug during a 2014 vigil for her cousin, Endia Martin, in Chicago. Martin was killed after what started as a Facebook feud over a boy.

her 21st birthday. With the time she has already served, she will be eligible for parole next April.

The case drew widespread attention for several reasons, perhaps none more so than that the defendant got her firearm from an adult who knew the cost of gun

violence as well as anyone.

"There is a cycle of violence that just perpetuates itself," said Eugene Roy, a retired police commander who oversaw the investigation of the shooting. "And, unfortunately, what happened is not surprising."

## Lawsuit: Chicago police rely on false gang data

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Civil rights groups filed a lawsuit Tuesday alleging that the Chicago Police Department relies on an error-plagued database that names up to 195,000 people as gang members, including many who have never been in a gang.

Many people were erroneously listed in the database simply because of a tattoo, social media post or address, according to the federal lawsuit from Northwestern University's MacArthur Justice Center and other groups. Those listed as gang members have a harder time landing jobs, are more likely to be denied bond after arrests and are often targets of harassment by police or immigration officers, it contends.

The way police manage the database is "arbitrary, discriminatory" and "over-inclusive," and it gives beat officers "unlimited discretion" to falsely label people gang members "based solely on their race and neighborhood," the

lawsuit states.

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of Chicagoans for an End to the Gang Database, several other groups and four individual plaintiffs. It questions the overall accuracy of the database, noting it contains many obvious mistakes, including the names of two supposed gang members who are listed as being 132 years old.

One plaintiff, Donta Lucas, was falsely named a Gangster Disciple based on an ankle tattoo that officers saw when he was arrested in 2012. Lucas says officers never told him they suspected he was a gang member and never said they would register him as one. His inclusion in the database meant he could get a concealed-carry permit he needed in 2016 for a security job.

Police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said in statement that although he couldn't speak directly to the lawsuit, "the validity and reliability" of such data was important. He said the department has been working on revisions to the database.

# NATION

## Voice-assisted banking raises security issues

By KEN SWEET  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Hey Alexa, what's my bank account balance?

Big banks and financial companies have started to offer banking through virtual assistants — Amazon's Alexa, Apple's Siri, and Google's Assistant — in a way that will allow customers to check their balances, pay bills and, in the near future, send money just with their voice. And with the rapid adoption of Zelle, a bank-to-bank transfer system, it soon could be possible to send money to friends or family instantly with voice commands.

But the potential to do such sensitive tasks through a smart speaker raises security concerns. Virtual assistants and smart speakers are still relatively new technologies, and potentially susceptible to being exploited by cybercriminals.

Regional banking giant U.S. Bank is the first bank to be on all three services — Alexa, Siri and Assistant. The company did a soft launch of its Siri and Assistant services in early March and this month started marketing the option to customers.

Other financial companies have set up virtual assistant features. Credit card companies Capital One and American Express both have Alexa skills that allow customers to check their balances and pay bills. There are other smaller banks and credit unions that have set up Google Assistant or Alexa as well.

"We want to be

there for our customers in any possible way that we can," said Gareth Gaston, executive vice president for omnichannel banking at U.S. Bank.

For now, U.S. Bank is keeping the features available through bank-by-voice fairly restrictive. Customers will be able to check bank balances, pay U.S. Bank credit cards and mortgages, ask Alexa or Google the due dates on bills, and other basic functions. Money cannot be transferred from a U.S. Bank account using voice yet, Gaston said, but the bank is considering the option.

Asking Google, Alexa or Siri for the weather or to tell a joke is one thing, but it's a whole other issue when these assistants access and share sensitive personal information. These apps will typically announce a person's available balance over the speaker, which has the potential to create awkward situations at parties.

In the case of Google and Alexa, users must create a secure connection between their bank and the assistant through Alexa's Skills or Google's Actions. All banks require the use of a four-digit PIN before they will provide balance and bank account information over these speakers and suggest making those PINs different from the one on a customer's ATM card.

Apple's Siri is the most restrictive of the three virtual assistants, showing a user only a bank account balance on a screen and not allowing other features like paying bills.

Amazon Echo

AP



## Hearing set for parents accused of shackling kids

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Prosecutors were expected to begin making their case Wednesday against a Southern California couple suspected of starving and shackling their children in a case that drew worldwide headlines when the parents were arrested last winter.

David and Louise Turpin were scheduled to appear for a preliminary hearing in Superior Court in Riverside, where a judge will weigh whether authorities have amassed enough evidence for a trial.

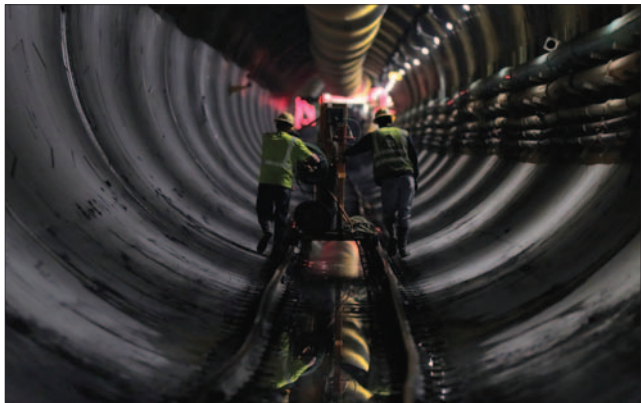
The couple has pleaded not guilty to torture, child abuse and other charges. They were arrested after their 17-year-old daughter jumped out of a window to

escape the family's Perris, Calif., home in January and called 911. They are being held on \$12 million bail each.

Authorities said their home reeked of human waste and the evidence of starvation was obvious, with the oldest of 13 siblings weighing just 82 pounds. The children were shackled as punishment, denied food and toys and allowed to do little except write in journals, prosecutors have said.

After they were freed from the home, the children, who ranged in age from 2 to 29, were immediately hospitalized and eventually released.

The current whereabouts of the children is unknown. A spokeswoman for the county's social services department declined to discuss the case.



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Tunnel workers push equipment up a rail track to a machine boring a 2.5-mile bypass tunnel for the Delaware Aqueduct in Marlboro, N.Y., on May 16.

## NYC workers fight leaks 55 stories underground

By MICHAEL HILL  
Associated Press

NEWBURGH, N.Y. — New York City is in the midst of a plumbing repair job of monumental proportions.

Hard-hat workers are toiling deep underground, 55 stories beneath the Hudson River, to eliminate gushing leaks in an aging tunnel that carries half the city's water supply over 85 miles from Catskill Mountain reservoirs. Using a cylindrical, space-rocket-size borer, they are carving through solid rock to create a 2.5-mile bypass tunnel around the worst of the leaks.

When they finish the \$1 billion tunnel in 2022, the entire Delaware Aqueduct will be shut down for months to prepare for the diversion. If workers do the job right, New Yorkers turning on their faucets will never even notice.

"It's really the largest and most complex water tunnel repair that the city of New York has ever done," said Vincent Sapiezna, commissioner of the city Department of Environmental Protection. "There's a lot of moving parts that we've been wrestling with for several years now."

The Delaware Aqueduct is to the city what the aorta is to our circulatory systems: a necessary channel to keep everything running. It was drilled and blasted out mostly during World War II and carries about 600 million gallons a day, entirely by gravity, from the Catskill region reservoirs to a holding reservoir just north of the city line.

Along with the complementary Catskill Aqueduct, the two help connect a complex system that serves 9.6 million people in New York City and upstate municipalities. Engineers and politicians compare the network of 19 reservoirs, three lakes and connecting tunnels to the grand aqueducts of ancient Rome. But the Delaware Aqueduct is showing its age at a weak point where it crosses through limestone beneath the Hudson River near Newburgh, N.Y. Limestone is less dense and has more "give" than the neighboring shale, so crews protected that length of the concrete tunnel with a steel sleeve. But for an unknown reason — lack of foresight, lack of steel during wartime — they did not extend it through the entire limestone formation.

Leaks formed in that gap, with some of the water bubbling up into the river.



A figure of Saint Barbara, patron saint of miners, sits mounted on a wall inside the tunnel.

About 18 million gallons — 3 percent of the aqueduct's flow, or enough to fill about 27 Olympic-size swimming pools — escapes from the pipeline every day. The loss is too big to ignore, but the tunnel is too vital to simply drain for a multi-year repair. City officials eventually settled on the parallel bypass tunnel, which allows for a shutdown measured in months instead of years.

"We couldn't fathom shutting down the tunnel," said Paul Rush, deputy commissioner of the environmental department.

Workers began digging two giant access holes on either side of the river in 2013, and actual tunneling started last summer.

A long, cylindrical machine nicknamed "Nora" presses into the rock face with a spinning 21.6-foot diameter "cutter head" embedded with 41 spinning, steel blades.

Draining the aqueduct in 2022 will give crews time to reroute the water under the Hudson and to seal other leaks some 25 miles up the aqueduct.

By 2023, water will flow through a bypass built to last. A layer of steel will be fitted inside the tunnel and then another layer of concrete added for a final 14-foot-diameter tunnel, all the way through the limestone formation.

Said Rush, "We don't plan to come down again anytime soon."



## WORLD

# Burning kites used as weapons against Israel

Devices spark fires that damage farmland, wildlife

By ARON HELLER  
Associated Press

KIBBUTZ NIR AM, Israel—After years of rocket attacks and militant infiltrations from Gaza, residents of southern Israel are now coping with a new kind of threat: incendiary kites and balloons that have damaged farmlands and nature reserves.

The crude devices launched by Palestinians inside the blockaded territory have not been lethal. But they have sparked fires that have damaged agriculture, killed wildlife and whipped up considerable indignation.

"It's caused significant economic damage, but more than that it is emotional," said Itzik Ebbo, 78, a member of Kibbutz Nir Am, a collective farming community. "These are crops we poured our hearts into. These are fields we hiked with our children and grandchildren."

Sullen locals have become a fixture on Israeli TV, guiding reporters around smoldering fields and lamenting the loss of life among snakes, turtles and the like.

The phenomenon is the latest twist in nearly three months of intermittent Palestinian border protests. To many Israelis the "kite terrorism" is yet more evidence of implacable — and creative — Palestinian hostility. But viewed another way, it is a desperate play on behalf of the 2 million Palestinians largely penned into the impoverished seaside strip. A decade-old blockade imposed by Israel and Egypt to weaken Gaza's ruling Hamas militant group has ravaged the local economy and caused widespread despair.

Israeli forces have killed more than 120 Palestinians and wounded over 3,800 since the protests began on March 30. Israel says it's the only way to prevent mass breaches



TSAFIRI ABAYOW/AP

An Israel soldier extinguishes a fire started by a kite with an attached burning cloth launched by Palestinians from Gaza, near the Israel-Gaza border, June 1.

of the border that would include militants. But the vast majority of the Palestinian casualties have been unarmed, drawing heavy international criticism of Israel's open-fire orders. Israel blames Gaza's militant Hamas rulers for the bloodshed.

Drifting aimlessly over the border, the kites have caused more than 450 fires over the past month, torching some 7,000 acres of land and causing some \$2 million in damages.

Israel says it plans to deduct from tax funds it collects for the Palestinians to compensate farmers, and the military has been stepping up its measures in recent days by firing warning shots at launchers. Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman vowed Monday that "kite terrorism cannot continue." But Israel's decision-makers must also consider the risk of sparking all-out war, as happened four years ago.

Israel accuses Hamas, a militant group

that seeks its destruction, of using the protesters as cover in an effort to engineer violent infiltrations.

The current round of violence has yet to claim any serious Israeli casualties. Israel's Iron Dome defense system has neutralized much of the rocket fire. A nearly completed underground barrier and new technological means have thwarted or destroyed much of the Hamas tunnel network.

But Israel has struggled with the low-tech kites and balloons drifting over the border.

Gazans began flying kites with burning rags or cotton-stuffed cans attached to them several weeks ago and have since added helium-filled balloons with incendiary material attached. Aided by the hot and windy conditions, the devices have dropped in dry brush, destroying wheat and sunflower fields and sending animals scurrying away.

## Israel strikes Hamas after Gaza attacks

Associated Press

JERUSALEM—Israeli warplanes struck Hamas positions in Gaza after Palestinian militants there fired dozens of rockets and mortars at southern communities early Wednesday, the military said.

The Palestinian fire came hours after the Israeli military said it struck Hamas infrastructure in response to "arson balloons" launched from Gaza into Israel.

Fawzi Barhoum, a spokesman for Hamas, praised the rocket attacks, calling them "a legitimate right that bombing is met with bombing," but did not take responsibility for them.

The Israeli military said Palestinians fired about 45 rockets and mortars at Israel. Seven projectiles were intercepted by the Iron Dome defense system and at least three fell prematurely, landing inside Gaza, it said. Fighter jets targeted about 25 Hamas targets overnight in response to the heavy Palestinian fire, it said.

The exchange early Wednesday was the biggest flare-up between the sides in weeks. However, no casualties were reported in Israel or Gaza.

Some Palestinian rockets exploded inside Israel, damaging property and peppering homes and cars with shrapnel. One mortar exploded next to an Israeli kindergarten.

## At least 192 missing after ferry sinks in Indonesia

Associated Press

TIGARAS, Indonesia — Disaster relatives slammed Indonesia's government for not enforcing basic safety measures on passenger boats and pleaded Wednesday for a bigger search effort for more than 190 people presumed drowned after a ferry sank on a picturesque Sumatran lake early this week.

The wooden vessel, overcrowded with passengers as well as dozens of motorbikes, didn't have a manifest, and disaster officials have several times raised the number of people it was carrying as family members who rushed to Lake Toba in northern Sumatra provided information.

The boat was five times over its passenger capacity of 43 and equipped with only 45 life jackets, Transport Minister Budi Karya Sumadi and National Search and Rescue agency chief Muhammad Syaqui told a news conference.



BINSAR BAKHARA/AP

An Indonesian search-and-rescue team recovers a victim's body after a ferry sunk at Tigaras port in Toba lake, North Sumatra, on Wednesday.

The latest information is that 192 people are missing, Syaqui said. Only 18 survivors have been found — in bad weather within hours of the sinking Monday evening which, according to Syaqui, occurred in waters at least 984 feet deep but only 0.3 miles from an island that's popular with visitors to the lake.

It's possible many of the victims were still inside the sunken ferry, said North Sumatra province police chief Paulus Waterpau.

Several dozen divers were searching at depths of up to 82 feet, and an underwater drone was deployed to 656 feet below the surface, Syaqui said. More sophis-

ticated underwater search methods require large ships that aren't available on the lake, he said.

The search involving 350 personnel and at least half a dozen boats has turned up items of clothing, bags and traces of oil from the ferry but just several victims.

Syaqui said four deaths were confirmed after three more bodies were found on Wednesday 2 to 3 miles from where the ferry sank.

He defended the search effort, which could continue for another 10 days, by saying that the agency, police, military and other personnel have been working "all out" and nonstop.

## Yemen seizes area around airport as fighting goes on

Associated Press

SANAA, Yemen — Yemeni fighters backed by the United Arab Emirates said they seized the southern runway of the international airport near the key Yemeni city of Hodeida as fighting raged Wednesday between pro-government forces backed by a Saudi-led coalition and Iran-backed Shiite Houthi rebels.

The Amaleqa brigades, a fighting force backed by the coalition that includes the UAE, also said in a statement they seized areas on the west and east sides of the airport. They have been advancing toward an area near Kilo 16 road, aiming to cut off the link between Hodeida and the capital, Sanaa, a statement said.

Col. Turki al-Malki, coalition spokesman, claimed the forces took over the airport and that Yemeni forces are currently clearing the airport of Houthi land mines. He added in a statement that there were no civilian casualties in the fighting and that after liberation of the airport, the coalition will press the Houthis to accept a political settlement.

Yemeni officials said Saudi-led coalition warplanes have been hitting parts of the airport including the main compound, where the rebels are holed up. They confirmed that government forces have been clearing land mines the Houthis used to slow the forces' advance.

Meanwhile, fierce battles ensued in the ad-Durayhimi district outside Hodeida, about 12.5 miles south of the airport, the officials said.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief media.

The campaign to seize control of Hodeida threatens to worsen Yemen's humanitarian situation.

The offensive has faced criticism from international aid groups, who fear a protracted fight could force a shutdown of the port and potentially pit millions into starvation. Some 70 percent of Yemen's food enters via the port, as well as the bulk of humanitarian aid and fuel supplies. Around two-thirds of the country's population of 27 million relies on aid and 8.4 million are at risk of starving.

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Woman accused of stealing car and dog

**GA** GAINESVILLE — A woman was accused of stealing a car and its passenger, a nearly 5-year-old Pomeranian named Bear.

The Gainesville Times reported Matt Sanders loaded Bear into the car Sunday and ran back inside his Georgia home for his phone. Sanders said he returned to see the unidentified woman drive off with Bear. Sanders and Bear were reunited Monday.

Braselton Police Chief Terry Esco said the department received a complaint around 3 a.m. Monday about a woman with heart problems at a hotel. Officers arrived and found Bear unharmed in the room's bathroom.

## Woodchuck may be to blame for missing flags

**MA** ADAMS — Authorities said a furry critter, not vandals, is likely to blame for the disappearance of American flags from veterans' graves in Massachusetts.

The flags at Bellevue Cemetery in Adams were reported missing earlier this month. Residents volunteered to replace the flags by hand, but then those went missing, too.

Police were called to investigate, and Chief Richard Tarsa told The Boston Globe that officers found evidence that a woodchuck is likely using the flags in its burrow.

## Cat parasite blamed for Monk seal deaths

**HI** HONOLULU — Hawaii officials said three monk seals found dead on Oahu last month were killed by the parasite found in cat feces.

Officials from the state Department of Land and Natural Resources and the state Department of Health said the deaths of the endangered seals were caused by toxoplasmosis.

According to the departments, cats are the only known host of the parasite, which reproduces in the animal's digestive system. The parasite can infect other species, including humans.

Officials said the seals were likely infected from feral cats.

## Artist dog centerpiece of a charity art show

**NY** MASSAPEQUA — A Long Island dog named Dagger, who moonlights as a canine artist known as DogVinci, will be the featured artist in a June 23 art show aiming to support an animal shelter.

The show is called "Gimme Shelter" and will feature more than 40 DogVinci original paintings for sale. WNBC-TV reported the show will benefit the Babylon Animal Shelter.

The red beret-wearing dog from Massapequa was taught to paint by watching his owner, Yvonne Dagger, who is an artist. They have sold more than 400 paintings, which have raised more than \$45,000 in donations for various charities and causes.

## THE CENSUS

**8** The age of a steer that once competed for the title of world's tallest bovine when it died Saturday, Dannel stood 6 feet, 4 inches but didn't win the competition in 2016, the Eureka Times-Standard reported. The 1-ton Dannel spent the last few years living at Lost Coast Hay in Eureka, Calif., where he ate 100 pounds of hay and 15 pounds of grain and drank 100 gallons of water a day. Dannel loved to eat bread, and whenever he heard a bread bag shaking, he would trot across the field, owner Ken Farley said. Farley and his wife are trying to figure out the proper way to bury the giant steer.



JOHN RUCOSKY, THE (JOHNSTOWN, PA.) TRIBUNE-DEMOCRAT/AP

## Search is on

Zach Kachmar, 11, works his way through a maze of upset office tables and cardboard in the "Earthquake Survivor Rescue Room," meant to give children a glimpse of what it is like to be on a search and evacuation team in the aftermath of an earthquake, during a Code 4 STEM Academy class at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown in Johnstown, Pa., on Monday.

## Police warning about doughnut sale scam

**VT** SWANTON — Police in Vermont are warning people two women are pretending to sell doughnuts to Swanton residents as part of a scam.

Swanton police said a woman and her daughter were selling doughnuts, raffle tickets and Hannaford's gift certificates. WCAX-TV reported the women were collecting money but never giving victims the product.

Police said at least 10 people were scammed.

Police said the mother could face charges of false pretense and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

## Firefighters suspended for firehouse porn

**OH** AKRON — Two firefighters in Ohio were suspended for allegedly making pornographic videos at a firehouse.

Akron officials said Arthur

Dean and Deann Eller were placed on administrative leave while the city launched an investigation into the matter.

Fire Chief Clarence Tucker said someone told a firefighter last week about the acts possibly being committed on city property. The firefighter reported it to his supervisor, who then told the chief.

Tucker and Mayor Dan Horrigan said in a joint statement that Dean and Eller did not work at the same fire station, but were known to be in a long-term relationship.

## Ex ordered to pay after sabotaging scholarship

**TN** NASHVILLE — A woman was ordered to pay more than \$200,000 to her ex-boyfriend for sabotaging his opportunity at a prestigious scholarship because she didn't want him to leave.

Eric Abramowitz, currently with the Nashville Symphony in Tennessee, is a Canadian clarinetist who in 2013 applied to study at Los Angeles' Coburn Conservatory of Music. When

his acceptance email came in, his girlfriend, Jennifer Lee, intercepted the email and deleted it, according to a lawsuit filed in Canada's Ontario Superior Court of Justice.

The lawsuit said Lee accessed Abramowitz's email account to decline the scholarship offer. She also sent him a faked rejection letter from the school.

## Trooper wins praise for stopping a slow driver

**IN** INDIANAPOLIS — An Indiana State Police trooper who tweeted a photo of a vehicle he stopped for driving too slowly in the left lane said he's overwhelmed by the widespread praise he's receiving online.

Sgt. Stephen Wheelles stopped the driver on Interstate 65 about 35 miles south of Indianapolis about 20 vehicles had slowed behind her. Wheelles said she was traveling under the 70 mph speed limit. Indiana law requires drivers to move to the right lane to allow faster traffic to pass.

The post has been retweeted by

IndyCar driver Graham Rahal, who said, "This guy is my hero." Others suggested he win a Nobel Prize or asked him to relocate to their states.

## 3 dispatchers leave after sleeping on job

**CT** MADISON — Police said three emergency dispatchers in Connecticut were caught sleeping on the job.

Madison Police Capt. Joseph Race said last week two of the dispatchers resigned in February and May and one was fired in May as a result of an investigation into the matter.

Race said all three Madison dispatchers worked the overnight shift from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m., and they were all found sleeping on the job more than once.

He said the sleeping happened when more than one dispatcher was on duty, and there was no danger to the public. All three were civilian dispatchers, not police officers.

From wire reports

## FACES



# Dumpling love

## How 'Bao' director stayed true to her idea and created a specifically Asian story

"Bao," directed by Domee Shi, inset, is the short ahead of the summer flick "Incredibles 2." The short features a mom and a dumpling, in sketches below, come to life. Shi is the first woman to direct a Pixar short.

By TRACY BROWN  
Los Angeles Times

**M**uch like a delicious dumpling before a hearty meal, "Bao" is the bite-sized animated film audiences see before "Incredibles 2." But more than just a Pixar appetizer, the short is a whimsical love letter to mothers as well as food. It just happens to be wrapped in a package so adorable you want to eat it.

Directed by Domee Shi, "Bao" centers on a Chinese mother with a case of empty-nest syndrome. She gets a second chance at motherhood when one of the dumplings she made comes to life as a tiny, giggly baby.

The Chinese Canadian filmmaker took inspiration from her own life as a child of immigrants when crafting the short, a story Shi first started working on more than four years ago.

"I was digging through my art folder at work and the earliest sketch I found was dated January 2014," said Shi. "It was just a bunch of different dumpling ideas, different dumpling characters."

Shi, who joined Pixar as a story intern in 2011 before being hired as a story artist on "Inside Out," had worked on "Bao" for almost two years on her own before bringing on more people.

With "Bao," Shi is the first woman to direct a Pixar short. In a phone interview, Shi discussed her inspiration for "Bao," and overcoming her doubts to craft a specifically Chinese story.

**Los Angeles Times: What was your inspiration for "Bao"?**  
**Domee Shi:** My inspiration mainly came from my own life. Growing up, I was that overprotected little dumpling for my Chinese mom. I was an only child living in Toronto with my parents, and they've always kind of watched over me and made sure I was safe — kept me really, really close. And I just wanted to explore that relationship between an overprotective parent and their child with a dumpling as a metaphor, as weird as that sounds. I'm also like a huge foodie, so any excuse to work with food, draw food and eat food for research was great. I definitely wanted to incorporate that into the short as well.

**How deeply had you thought about the dumpling-making process before working on this short?**

I took the dumpling-making process

for granted growing up because my mom would make them for me all the time: during the holidays, on weekends, for Chinese New Year. I would eat them so quickly, not paying attention to how difficult they are to make. At least for me. I would try to make them for the crew and think, "Oh, my gosh, it takes so much time to roll out each wrapper, find each wrapper with filling and then fold it just perfectly." But my mom does it so quickly and effortlessly. Now that I've observed her so carefully, I appreciate all of the hard work that she did to make that food for me as a kid.

**What was it like for you to step away from that "dumpling" role in order to see the mother's side of the story?**

I love using film and stories to step outside of my own point of view and my own perspective, so it was really interesting to tell this story from the mother's point of view because I never knew what it was like on the other side. I was always so frustrated about being so coddled and overprotected and smothered by my mom. I never really understood why she did it. So making this short and really taking the opportunity to put myself in this mom character's shoes — to talk to my mom, to talk to different parents and kids of overprotective parents throughout the process — it was really insightful and really cool to be able to learn that perspective.

**They say that it's hard to animate food. How true is that?**

It's very true. Some of our most complicated and expensive shots were the opening shots of the dough kneading and the wrapper folding. The dumpling-making shot with the raw pork filling, that shot took two effects artists two months to make. Food is tricky on the computer because food is organic and squishy. It's got irregular textures and shapes. Computers are good at rendering hard, symmetrical objects, but not so much [things] like dough. It took a lot of back and forth between our art department and our effects department in order to get those food shots to look right. Everyone in the world is an expert in what good food looks like. If you show food to a person and they're not getting hungry, then it's just not working. That's just an automatic reaction. So we had to just work really hard to get that dough to look soft and kneadable. I think the final results look pretty awesome.



## How many dumpling trips did you all go on for research?

**Domee Shi:** Oh, so many. So many dumplings were harmed in the making of this short.

We took the crew on multiple trips to San Francisco and Oakland's Chinatown. We took them to a lot of dim sum restaurants. And also Sichuan food restaurants because there are a lot of dishes in the short that the mom character makes that are actually inspired by my favorite dishes that my parents would make for me growing up.

These were from the Sichuan province in China, so like really spicy mapo tofu and chili boiled fish and cucumber salad and all that stuff.

We also brought my mom in twice to do dumpling-making classes for the whole crew. That was really fun research because we actually filmed her hands kneading the dough and making the wrappers, and that was used as reference for the opening shots of the short.



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## News channel faces backlash from Hollywood creators

Fox News Channel faces a growing backlash among Hollywood creators that intensified Tuesday following Laura Ingraham's description of "zero tolerance" detention facilities for children separated from their parents as "essentially summer camps."

"Modern Family" co-creator Steve Levitan raised the possibility of no longer working with the 20th Century Fox television studio after tweeting his disgust with Ingraham's remarks. The Fox News Channel prime-time host tried to walk back her remarks even before her show concluded Monday night, but the damage had already been done.

Seth MacFarlane, creator of Fox's "Family Guy," donated \$2.5 million this week to National Public Radio and Southern California Public Radio's newsgathering efforts. On Sunday, MacFarlane tweeted that he was "embarrassed to work for this company" after pointing to a remark by Fox News' Tucker Carlson that viewers should assume the opposite of what major news stations reported.

Hollywood producer Judd Apatow challenged more Fox stars and executives to speak up and "make a huge difference in this national debate" about President Donald Trump's immigration policies. Paul Feig, a filmmaker who's done films for 20th Century Fox, posted Tuesday that he can't condone the support of Fox News "toward the immoral and abusive policies and actions taken by this current administration toward immigrant children."

Fox News had no comment on the issue Tuesday.

## Other news

■ The Michael Jackson Estate and Columbia Live Stage on Tuesday unveiled plans for a musical inspired by the life of **Michael Jackson**. They hope it will be ready for Broadway by 2020. The story for the still-untitled musical will be written by two-time Pulitzer Prize winner Lynn Nottage, using Jackson's vast catalog of songs.

■ A film starring Kevin Spacey arrives in theaters this summer, marking the actor's first time on the big screen since a slew of sexual misconduct allegations all but forced him into exile last fall. "Billionaire Boys Club," due Aug. 17, was filmed before the accusations against the Oscar-winning actor hit, but its distributor, Vertical Entertainment, has decided to forego ahead and give it a limited theatrical run. Vertical explained the decision was made with the hopes that audiences will be able to see past the claims for the sake of the hundreds of other industry members involved in the production.

■ Prosecutors have declined to file charges against **Scott Baio** stemming from allegations by his former "Charles in Charge" co-star Nicole Eggert that he sexually assaulted her. The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office decided Monday not to file charges, saying in an evaluation that the statute of limitations had expired. Baio has denied all the allegations.

■ **Walt Disney Studios** chairman Alan Horn says Tuesday that Jennifer Lee and Peter Dinkler are taking over for former Disney animation and Pixar chief John Lasseter, who is departing Disney at the end of the year following misconduct allegations.

■ Britain's royal palace says **Prince Louis** will be christened July 9 by Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby. The third child of Prince William and his wife Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, was born April 23 and is fifth in line to the throne. Kensington Palace said Wednesday that Louis will be baptized in a private service at the Chapel Royal at St. James's Palace in London.

From wire reports



## BUSINESS/WEATHER

# Unionized MGM workers in Vegas OK contract

By REGINA GARCIA CANO  
Associated Press

**LAS VEGAS** — Thousands of unionized workers at Las Vegas casino-resorts operated by MGM Resorts International, including Bellagio, Aria and Mandalay Bay, approved a new five-year contract Tuesday.

The contract includes wage increases, new paid bereavement leave and stronger protections against sexual harassment for 24,000 bartenders, housekeepers, food servers and other members of the Culinary Union.

Thousands of workers last month, including employees of MGM — one of the largest resort operators in the tourist destination — authorized a strike over the lack of progress in contract negotiations covering 50,000 union members. The union later reached a tentative agreement

with operator Caesars Entertainment and a separate deal with MGM.

Both deals include wage increases in each of the five years; a requirement to give all housekeepers wireless devices to alert security in the event of a threat; and language that protects the workers' rights if a property is sold. The contracts for the first time include a three-day paid leave in the event of the death of an immediate relative.

Francis Garcia, a native of Honduras, has been a housekeeper at the MGM Grand for 11 years. She said she voted to approve the contract because it includes protections for immigrants like her who are allowed to live and work in the U.S. under temporary protective status, or TPS, as well as beneficiaries of the Obama-era Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.

"Money is important, but it's not only about that," Garcia said. "For me that I have TPS, immigration is like the best part. It is hard because people see the TPS and DACA people as a number. We are not a number. I am a mother. Seeing that my union is taking care of that part, I am very proud of them."

The Trump administration has sought to end DACA, but court orders have kept the program open. It also has announced it will terminate the special protections of thousands of immigrants from several countries who hold TPS.

The contracts provide that workers who lose their work permit and are later able to readjust their immigration status will be able to get back their casino jobs and seniority.

A permanent deal with the union will ensure that a walk-out does not affect MGM's Strip

properties: Aria, Bellagio, Circus Circus, Excalibur, Luxor, MGM Grand, The Mirage, New York-New York, Mandalay Bay including the Delano, and Park MGM.

The workers, many wearing uniforms, cast paper ballots Tuesday at the Mandalay Bay Convention Center.

Bellagio housekeeper Lupe Avelar said she was happy to see that MGM agreed to an independent study, paid jointly with the union, to analyze the workload of housekeepers. The union had argued that hotel rooms have changed significantly in size and amenities since 2002 when the last study was conducted.

Caesars' workers ratified their new contract last week.

Despite the MGM and Caesars' contracts, there are still 14,000 workers in Las Vegas working with expired contracts who could still strike.

## C02 shortage could leave beverages flat

**LONDON** — A British trade group says there's a shortage of carbon dioxide in Northern Europe, sparking fears that drinks may lack fizz just as thirsty soccer fans fill pubs for the World Cup.

Gavin Partington, director-general of the British Soft Drinks Association, said the shortage is due to the closure of several production sites for various reasons, including seasonal maintenance.

But industry publication Gasworld says the situation is worse this year because normal maintenance has coincided with technical issues at chemical plants that also produce carbon dioxide.

From The Associated Press

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	Military rates	
Euro costs (June 21)	\$1.1882	
Dollar buys (June 21)	60.8416	
British pound (June 21)	\$1.35	
Japanese yen (June 21)	107.00	
South Korean won (June 21)	1,079.00	
<b>Commercial rates</b>		
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3779	
Britain (pound)	1.3187	
Canada (dollar)	1.3286	
China (yuan)	6.4735	
Denmark (krone)	6.4338	
Hong Kong (dollar)	1.7869	
Euro	1.1584	
gypt (pound)	1.8471	
Japan (yen)	110.18	
Israel (shekel)	6.251	
Kuwait (dinar)	0.3027	
Norway (krone)	8.1589	
Philippines (peso)	53.39	
Poland (zloty)	3.72	
Saudi Arabia (riyal)	3.7500	
Singapore (dollar)	1.3571	
South Korea (won)	1,105.89	
Switzerland (franc)	0.9938	
Thailand (baht)	22.80	
Turkey (lira)	4.7373	

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### INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	5.00
Discount rate	2.50
Federal funds market rate	1.50
3-month bill	1.30
30-year bond	3.03

# GameStop confirms talks with potential suitors

Bloomberg

**GameStop Corp.**, the long-ailing video-game retailer, confirmed that it's holding deal talks with possible suitors, backing up a report that sent the stock soaring Monday.

The company said Tuesday that it's in "exploratory discussions" with third parties about a potential transaction.

"There can be no assurance any agreement will result from these discussions," the chain said in a one-paragraph statement. "GameStop does not intend to make any additional comments regarding these discussions unless and until it is appropriate to do so."

GameStop kicked off its biggest rally in more than three years Monday, following a Reuters report that it had drawn takeover interest from private equity firms. Sycamore Partners is one of the firms investigating a possible deal, the news service said. That sent the shares up 8.9 percent to close at \$15.20, marking their biggest one-day gain since January 2015.

A takeover would bring a payday to investors after a more than four-year stock slump. The Grapevine, Texas-based company has been struggling to remain relevant in an era when more and more gamers download their software rather than buying it at a store.

The stock had been down 22 percent this year through the end of last week.

A buyer could find ways of re-vamping the business, according to Matthew Breda, an analyst at Wedbush Securities Inc. A key goal will be lowering the debt load on its balance sheet, he said.

The company also could re-think its Tech Brands business — an attempt to diversify away from video games. As part of the effort, the company acquired AT&T Inc. wireless stores and a reseller of Apple Inc. products.

"GameStop Corp.'s Tech Brands segment has not been meaningfully profitable, despite a very fast increase in store footprint," Breda said in a phone interview.

"I would think the buyers would be interested in winding down the Tech Brands business, refinancing or eliminating the company's significant debt burden."

### MARKET WATCH

June 19, 2018

Dow Jones industrials	-287.26
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Standard & Poor's 500	-11.16
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## OPINION

## Trump's 'deal' with Kim is far from done

By DAVID IGNATIUS  
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**P**resident Donald Trump boasted last weekend that his "denuclearization deal" with Kim Jong Un could "save potentially millions & millions of lives!" He even proclaimed in the exhilaration of his return from Singapore, "There is no longer a Nuclear Threat from North Korea."

But as the Great Dealmaker should know, it's important to read the fine print. And after a week's reflection, the Singapore joint communiqué, for all the dramatic television coverage that surrounded it, looks like what real estate mavens sometimes call a "conditional offer."

The condition, in this case, is that North Korea deliver on its somewhat fuzzy pledge to "work toward complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula." The discussion of how and when this will happen has barely begun. In the meantime, to build confidence, Trump has agreed to halt U.S. military exercises with South Korea, and Kim has agreed to stop testing missiles and nuclear bombs.

Trump clarified the conditional nature of the military exercise pause in a tweet Sunday: "Can start up immediately if talks break down, but I hope will not happen" (Secretary of State Mike Pompeo signaled this same caveat last week during a visit to South Korea, noting that if the denuclearization talks break down, the freeze on exercises "will no longer be in effect.")

Being honest about what was achieved in Singapore is important, not to diminish Trump's accomplishment, which is real and substantial, but to make clear what must come next. Usually a summit is the conclusion of meticulous detail work; in

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this case, the order is reversed. Trump and Kim have had their handshake; now their aides start the grunt work.

Robert Carlin, a veteran CIA and State Department analyst of North Korea, argues that worrying about having the big guys' get-together first "is a little silly." For decades, he explained in an email, the U.S. has known that it needed to engage the North Korean leader directly to make any progress. "OK, we got to the leader and, in effect, established a floor for working-level talks. ... That's not a bad thing," Carlin notes. The goal now "should be to nurture this rather than crush it through constant carping."

Trump's consigliere in closing the deal will be Pompeo, who has emerged from the Korea diplomacy as Trump's paramount aide. The North Koreans haven't yet specified their emissary; experts say that if they choose someone who really knows about Pyongyang's nuclear program, as opposed to a less-informed diplomat, that will be a positive sign of seriousness.

China and Russia are scrambling to tip their spoons in the post-Singapore pudding, with Kim in Beijing this week and South Korean President Moon Jae-in heading for Moscow. That's fine; it's a sign that the deal won't be left out of American-led diplomacy.

If we think about what's ahead as a busi-

ness negotiation, it illuminates the nature of the exchange. Trump wanted a North Korean commitment to "complete, verifiable, irreversible denuclearization." He didn't get it in Singapore. Instead, the communiqué speaks only of "complete denuclearization." Words matter here. The monitoring needed for a truly "verifiable" and "irreversible" pact would alter North Korean society.

The North Koreans want what we might call a "complete, verifiable, irreversible guarantee" that Kim's regime will survive and prosper. As an Asian diplomat told me this week, this guarantee will become real only when thousands of Americans are living and working in Pyongyang. This, too, would mean a very different North Korea.

One potential sticking point in future bargaining is the sequence in which the conditions are fulfilled. The communiqué listed them in this order: establishing mutual "relations"; building a "lasting and stable peace regime"; and "work toward complete denuclearization." Just as words matter, so does their order. Carlin notes that in Kim's public message on his way to Singapore, he listed these same three points, in the same order.

What matters most now is rapid follow-up. If Trump thinks he has done the heavy lifting, he may lose patience and move on. One Asia diplomat explains his worry this way: "There's a danger Trump will lose interest, and the situation will become worse than before, if North Korea doesn't show some real steps." Carlin agrees that progress in the next three to four months "will be crucial."

Real estate experts say that the inherence of problems with a conditional offer. If the deal doesn't close quickly, it can blow up — leaving both parties frustrated and angry.

## When it comes to food, what's in a name?

By RICHARD WILLIAMS  
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**V**egetarian interlopers are carving out a growing foothold in the meat and dairy sections of America's grocery stores, and the conventional food industry is not happy about it. Fearing substitute products that increasingly look and taste like the real thing, the beef and dairy industries recently asked the federal government to protect their once-exclusive claims to words like "beef," "meat" and "milk."

Some people are uneasy with the idea that foods aren't as clearly defined as they once were. That's understandable, but the multitude of U.S. food "identity standards" already in place don't do us much good.

Consumers are well-protected by the Food and Drug Administration when they buy slices of pineapple, which must "consist of uniformly cut circular slices or rings cut across the axis of the peeled, cored pineapple cylinders." Because of this regulation, consumers know that the pieces of pineapple inside are not spears, chunks, tidbits or any other of the nine designated categories.

But if they are shopping in the meat section, how do they know whether burgers are made from butchered animals, as opposed to vegetables? Or that milk was squeezed from a cow?

Food standards of identity, which regulate the ingredients of about half of all foods in the United States, let manufacturers what is and is not allowed to be associated with a "common or usual" name of a food. Ketchup is standardized (even if the

spelling isn't); mustard is not. Nor is salsa. It took the United States Third Circuit Court of Appeals to establish a standard of identity for peanut butter.

In 1938, Congress passed a law that mandated food standards, primarily to keep manufacturers from adding worthless or poisonous ingredients like sawdust and copper sulfate to foods. The idea was to make packaged food identical to foods like mother used to make. "Of course, that referred to making foods from scratch, which, after the advent of packaged and frozen foods, became somewhat of a lost art."

Fast forward 80 years, and we have a food standard that demands that fruit cocktail contain "not less than 2 sectors or 3 dice of pineapple" (yes, more pineapple) and a minimum number of cherries. But if you don't like the mix of fruits, you can, as consumers do every day, buy another brand.

For that matter, do consumers who read the label "Beyond Meat" really think it's meat? Doubtful, though things will get more interesting when laboratory-grown meat and seafood hit the shelves. Some consumers may want the old "kill-it-and-grill-it" animals and fish, and some may want the purported benefits of lab-grown meat, including fewer associations with food-borne or chronic diseases, animal cruelty, greenhouse gas emissions, and water and land use.

Whether food is plant-based or lab-grown, arguments over naming are likely to have the same effect as the aforementioned peanut butter controversy: that one attorney observed "put many lawyers'

children through college." Indeed, as The Wall Street Journal reported this month, "California wants to force farmers are saddling up, and lawyering up."

But if a product is chemically indistinguishable from meat, what is to be gained by giving it a new name? For many years, FDA insisted that a product that "resembled" another product either be called by a completely new name or include the term "artificial." Going forward, this approach will present as many questions as answers.

New technology will always be disruptive. In fact, that's the goal. It's understandable that the incumbent meat industry would pull out all the stops and spend millions trying to marginalize new products. However, this does not mean the FDA and USDA should acquiesce. The job of the government is to protect competition, not competitors.

Identity standards don't protect us from dangerous ingredients; we have food and color additive laws that handle that. They reveal little about nutrition; we have different labels for that. And if people try and don't like a food for whatever reason, it goes away (think Jell-O Pudding Pops).

There are vastly more important things for the FDA and the USDA to do with food. They haven't made a dent in food-borne disease for decades. There are, every year, 48 million cases. Spending more time on wordsmithing food names would be a very poor use of resources.

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## OPINION

## The border between GOP, social conservatives

BY REKHA BASU

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June 20 is World Refugee Day, designated annually by the United Nations to honor the "strength, courage and perseverance of millions of refugees" who are forced to flee their homelands. But this year, the international agency says the day has special significance as "a key moment for the public to show support for families forced to flee."

The U.S. president, however, will spend some of it defending his new "zero tolerance" policy and his administration's inhumane practice of separating families who cross the U.S. illegally and criminally prosecuting them. That includes those seeking asylum who are fleeing persecution in their homelands.

This deplorable new practice means that adults who cross the border without papers are locked up as criminals in federal prisons instead of immigrant detention centers, as in the past. Their children are treated like unaccompanied minors and turned over to the custody of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

So far, Trump's justifications include: ■ Blaming Democrats for having passed a law requiring it (no law requires it), or for not passing a law on border security that would mitigate the need for it. That ignores the fact that Democrats don't control Congress; members of Trump's own Republican Party do.

■ Characterizing undocumented immigrants as potential "murderers and thieves and so much else," observing, "You take a look at the death and destruction that's been caused by people coming into this country without going through a process." What evidence can he offer of disproportionate criminal activity by immigrants?

■ Saying he wants a "merit-based immigration system." There is one, but it does little for people seeking immediate protection against starvation or forced recruitment by criminal drug gangs under threat of murder. People without American fami-

lies or high jobs skills for which there is a need here would have to wait decades to get immigrant visas — if they ever could.

His Department of Homeland Security secretary, Kirstjen Nielsen, started out Sunday denying there was a policy to separate families at the border. On Monday she backtracked, telling reporters: "DHS is enforcing the laws as they exist on the books. As long as entry remains a criminal offense, DHS will not look the other way."

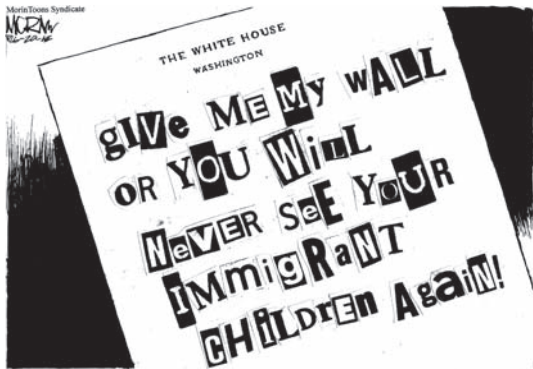
In the last six weeks, a reported 2,000 children have been taken from their parents after arriving from Mexico. But public outrage has picked up in recent days as video and audio of separated children from a detention center in Texas made national news. The practice so deeply offends conscience and violates norms of fundamental decency that more than 60 percent of Americans polled say they oppose it.

That includes Iowa evangelical social conservative Bob Vander Plaats, better known for his hard-line opposition to same-sex marriage. In a strongly worded New York Times opinion piece published Monday, Vander Plaats wrote:

"When agents from the Department of Justice, the Immigration and Customs Enforcement or the Department of Health and Human Services call immigrants names or tell a weeping mother, 'You won't have a family anymore' and 'You will never see your children again' — as one agent reportedly said — they do wrong. Cruelty is not justice. We don't need to be cruel to enforce zero tolerance."

Good for him. And good for Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller, who joined New Mexico's attorney general and at least 16 others in calling the practice draconian, saying it "raises serious concerns regarding the violation of children's rights, constitutional principles of due process and equal protection, and the efforts of state law enforcement officials to stop crime."

■ Iowa white supremacist admirer Congressman Steve King, however, says the holding facilities are not cages, though



even DHS has characterized them that way. "There's nothing cruel about this," King tweeted. "These are children that are cared for with better care than they get in their home country."

Shame on him for suggesting that being snatched from their parents and held in detention facilities is better than the care they get with their families.

Republican politicians understand that campaigning on family values requires speaking out for them in cases like that. But just how far will that go?

Iowa's Republican governor, Kim Reynolds, has previously offered up Iowa National Guard troops to help defend the borders against illegal immigration. Asked if she would do so now to support the zero tolerance practices, her spokeswoman Brenna Smith said Reynolds didn't want to speculate on a hypothetical situation. But, she said, "the governor would not use

state resources, including the Iowa National Guard, to separate children from their families. As the governor said this week, "it's horrific that children are being used as a pawn in this situation."

The sentiment is appreciated. But the answer is not some of the harsh Republican-proposed bills like H.R. 4760, which curb immigration and crack down on undocumented immigrants.

The Trump administration and the Republican congressional majority have offered little reason to hope this could be a defining moment for a change to their approach. Only if enough Americans, including Republicans, show enough outrage to threaten withholding their votes at election time should we expect Trump to suddenly find God on this.

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## The GOP's last shot at immigration reform will fail

BY PAUL WALDMAN

The Washington Post

Republicans, struggling with the mounting crisis created by the administration's new family separation policy, are planning to vote this week on two competing immigration bills. So Tuesday, President Donald Trump went to Capitol Hill to sort out this whole mess and lead his party to a solution on an issue that has divided the country for years. Or maybe not. The Washington Post reports:

"President Trump implored anxious House Republicans to fix the nation's immigration system but did not offer a clear path forward amid the growing uproar over his administration's decision to separate migrant families at the border."

"Fuddling with the GOP at the Capitol on Tuesday evening, Trump stopped short of giving a full-throated endorsement to immigration legislation meant to unite the moderate and conservative wings of the House Republican conference."

"He didn't really tell us what bill to vote for," said Rep. Marwayne Mullin, R-Okla., saying Trump laid out his main principles on immigration and told Republicans he "wanted to take care of the kids" — a reference to the unfolding family separation crisis."

According to multiple reports, Trump also rambled on (and not to mention, North Korea and the tax cut, and took time

to insult Rep. Mark Sanford, who recently lost a primary to a more Trumpian opponent. The master negotiator strikes again.

What's happening right now is that the horrifying images of children being torn from their parents' arms have spurred House Republicans to take one more shot at broad immigration reform. But they're going to fail, just as they have so many times before.

Some quick background: Republicans are supposed to vote this week on two competing bills. One, a hard-line measure sponsored by Virginia Rep. Bob Goodlatte, would significantly reduce legal immigration, beef up border security, require employers to use the E-Verify system to verify the citizenship of employees (it's currently voluntary) and give the so-called "dreamers" a temporary legal status but not citizenship. The other, a slightly less severe measure supported by the House leadership, would also restrict legal immigration, but wouldn't require E-Verify and provides a path to citizenship for "dreamers."

So why do I say this is going to fail? Here are the reasons:

■ The two bills agree among themselves. Since Democrats aren't going to support either of these bills, Republicans have a small margin for error, and they're confronting a problem they've always had: Their few remaining moderates are skittish about the harsher approach, while their conservative allies don't want anything that they think is "amnesty" for anyone,

including "dreamers." Everyone acknowledges that the Goodlatte bill doesn't have the votes to pass, and it looks as though the compromise bill — which, we should note, is still very harsh — will also lose enough hard-liners to fall short.

■ As far as they're concerned, doing nothing is a viable option. As much as Republicans say they hate the current immigration system, they've shown time and again that they're perfectly happy to shake their fists at it but leave it in place. If the alternative is voting for a bill that a far-right primary challenger won't say is amnesty, many of them would rather do nothing. They've seen how people such as Sen. Marco Rubio got punished for trying to achieve comprehensive immigration reform that included a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants, and they don't want to put themselves at risk.

■ The president won't help them. Just in the past week, Trump has gone from saying that he won't support the compromise bill to saying that he supports both bills. As one Republican said after yesterday's meeting, "He made comments like 'I'm behind it 1,000 percent,' but what is it?" Members of Congress have learned that Trump simply can't be trusted to keep to a single position from one day to the next. So if you were one of them, would you stick your neck out on the theory that the president had your back?

■ The Senate won't pass either of these bills anyway. Majority Leader Mitch Mc-

Connell has said that he doesn't have any intention of bringing up a comprehensive immigration reform bill this year, and it's almost impossible to see how even the compromise bill — which, to repeat, is still extremely harsh — could get the votes of nine Democrats, which is what it would need to reach 60 votes and overcome a filibuster.

■ The only incentive is to deal with the family separation crisis and leave it at that. Every day brings more horrifying stories and images of the children who are being separated from their families at the border as a result of the administration's "zero tolerance" policy. Trump claims that he hates doing it (which, no one believes) and that it's the fault of imaginary laws passed by Democrats (which is just false). So there's a solution: Pass a narrow bill dealing just with this issue.

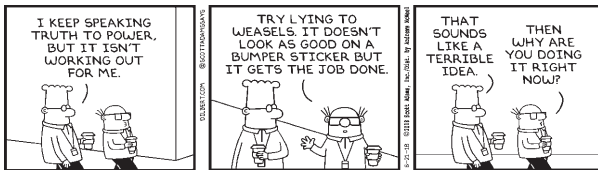
There are already bills circulating from both Democrats and Republicans to do just that. Passing one of them could handle the Republicans' immediate political problem without creating other problems for them with their own base, so that's the path they're most likely to choose. Then they'll go home and tell their constituents that the immigration system is a mess and we absolutely have to do something about it. One of these days.

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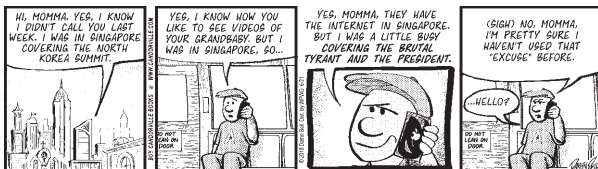
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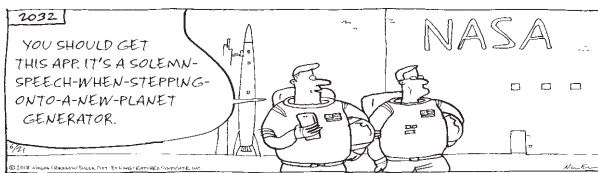
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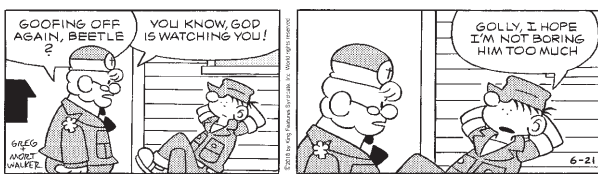
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- 18 Word game with dice
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CLEVELAND — LeBron James won't be picking any players during Thursday's NBA Draft.

At least not directly. With the trajectory of their franchise riding on where he decides to play next season and beyond, the Cleveland Cavaliers will enter this year's draft not knowing if they're choosing a player to help them — and James — contend for another championship, develop a prospect for the future or potentially take a player to trade.

It's a guessing game. James has until June 29 to exercise his \$35.6 million contract option for next season or decline it and become an unrestricted free agent, officially making him the planet's best and most coveted player.

The 33-year-old is not expected to reveal his intentions until after the draft.

By that time, the Cavs, still stinging from a Finals sweep at the hands of the Golden State Warriors, hope to have chosen a player that makes them more appealing to the three-time champion, who is mulling whether to leave them — and his Northeast Ohio home — for the second time in his career.

Anything seems possible at this point. James and his representatives have kept an air-tight lid on their plans.

The Cavs, too, have been secretive while general manager Koby Altman prepares for his first



LeBron James, left, won't be picking any players during Thursday's NBA Draft. Not directly anyway. But his as-yet-unrevealed decision to remain with the Cavaliers or leave is affecting their draft strategy.

draft by consulting with his staff on what to do with the No. 8 overall pick, the one they received last summer in the seismic trade that sent All-Star point guard Kyrie Irving to the Boston Celtics.

It's quite a quandary for Cleveland, and James isn't helping the Cavs by keeping them in

suspense.

It's also possible that James hasn't made up his mind.

Following Game 4 in the Finals, James said he'll factor in his family's well-being along with his thirst to win more titles into a decision that once again has Cleveland edge.

"I still want to be in championship mode," he said. "I think I've shown this year why I will still continue to be in championship mode."

And while there are numerous unknowns, there is one indisputable fact: The Cavs must address their roster to have any chance of keeping James and continuing a relationship that was resurrected in 2014.

After yielding to Irving's request and trading him, the Cavs spent all last season trying to replace him. They never came close, and without a dependable second scoring option or a guard, James was forced to shoulder a heavier load than ever. He succeeded in getting to his eighth straight Finals, but was then overmatched by the deeper Warriors.

To remain viable contenders and keep James happy and healthy, the Cavs must address their backcourt issue this summer, either in the draft, through free agency or a trade.

With this year's draft top loaded with quality big men, there's a strong possibility the Cavs will have their pick of one of the elite guards, perhaps Oklahoma's Trae Young or Alabama's Collin Sexton — two players James has praised in the past.

There's also a chance that Cleveland could select a guard to use to entice a major trade. The Cavs have long been interested in Charlotte's Kemba Walker, who will be a free agent after next season, and landing a player of that caliber would send a resounding message to James that they intend to keep chasing championships.

## Scoreboard

## Draft order

June 21  
At Barclays Center, Brooklyn, N.Y.

- FIRST ROUND**
- Phoenix
  - Sacramento
  - Atlanta
  - Memphis
  - Dallas
  - Orlando
  - Chicago
  - Cleveland (from Brooklyn via Boston)
  - New York
  - Philadelphia (from LA Lakers via Phoenix)
  - Charlotte
  - LA Clippers (from Detroit)
  - LA Clippers
  - Denver
  - Washington
  - Phoenix (from Miami)
  - Milwaukee
  - San Antonio
  - Atlanta (from Minnesota)
  - Minnesota (from Oklahoma City via Utah)
  - Utah
  - Chicago (from New Orleans)
  - Indiana
  - Portland
  - LA Lakers (from Cleveland)
  - Philadelphia
  - Boston
  - Golden State
  - Brooklyn (from Toronto)
  - Atlanta (from Houston via LA Clippers)

**SECOND ROUND**

- Phoenix
- Memphis
- Dallas
- Atlanta
- Orlando
- New York (from Chicago via Oklahoma City)
- Sacramento
- Philadelphia (from Brooklyn)
- Philadelphia (from New York)
- Brooklyn (from LA Lakers via Toronto via Orlando)
- Orlando (from Charlotte via Phoenix via Memphis)
- Detroit
- Denver (from LA Clippers via New York via Philadelphia)
- Washington
- Brooklyn (from Milwaukee)
- Houston (from Miami via Memphis)
- LA Lakers (from Denver via Chicago via Utah)
- Minnesota
- San Antonio
- Indiana
- New Orleans
- Utah
- Oklahoma City
- Dallas (from Portland via Denver)
- Charlotte (from Cleveland via Brooklyn via Philadelphia)
- Philadelphia
- Oklahoma City (from Boston)
- Denver (from Golden State)
- Phoenix (from Toronto)
- Philadelphia (from Houston)

## Waiting: Hometown Sooners spent years recruiting Young

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recruited for years by Oklahoma, his hometown school, and Sooners coach Lon Kruger spent hours and hours with him this past season breaking down film — probably all the while knowing that his star guard was going the one-and-done route.

"I knew how good he was, but I didn't even realize he was this good," said Kentucky coach John Calipari, who also recruited Young heavily. "The biggest thing in this, and it's a great lesson — Lon Kruger, who I have unbelievable respect for, basically said 'We're going to play through you, it's all going through you, you're going to shoot when you want.' And he did not lie."

Kruger's trust in Young was worthwhile. In college, there was something special from Young just about every night.

Young had four games where he scored at least 40 points; no one in Division I could say that. Young had nine other games where he finished with at least 20 points and 10 assists; again, no other Division I player came close to doing that, either.

Young tied the all-time Division I record with a 22-assist game in December. He was the first player to finish a season simultaneously leading Division I in scoring and assists per game. The accolades kept piling up — highest scoring average for a season by any player from any Big 12 school, consensus All-American, freshman of the

year, Bob Cousy Award finalist, Naismith Trophy semifinalist.

He had a sensational year by any measure.

"It was crazy," Young said. "But it was fun ... and it motivated me to get better."

The realistic watching for Young should start with the No. 3 pick, owned by the Atlanta Hawks.

Atlanta worked Young out about a week ago, and the guard looked noticeably stronger than he was a couple of months ago when his college career ended — he says he's packed on at least 10 pounds of new muscle since then.

The Hawks say their approach will be simpler: They'll take the best player still on the board. Young knows it's out of his control.

"This is the first time in my life where I haven't gotten to pick where I'm going," Young said. "AAU, you get to pick what team you play for. College, same. Having to wait to see where you're going, it's definitely something different but I'm not nervous at all."

And when it's time to find his seat at Barclays Center for the draft, Young insists that he's going to savor the moment.

"If you looked back a year ago to now, nobody would think I'd be in this situation," Young said. "So just being here now, I'm just going to enjoy and relax and embrace it all. That draft night is going to be a great feeling for me."



Troy Watry/NBA

Oklahoma guard Trae Young, left, spent just one season with the Sooners.



# NBA DRAFT



CHRIS STEPPING, POOL/AP

Villanova's Donte DiVincenzo, right, goes up for a shot past Michigan's Charles Matthews during the NCAA Tournament championship game in April. DiVincenzo was the unlikely star of the NCAA championship game for Villanova, then became a surprise NBA Draft entrant.

## DiVincenzo hopes surprising final leads to first-round pick

By TIM REYNOLDS  
Associated Press

Donte DiVincenzo's plan was to come out and test the NBA Draft waters this spring, with the expectation that he would be returning to Villanova for another season.

And then the national championship game happened. The hero of Villanova's win over Michigan picked the perfect moment to play the game of his life — 31 points on 10-for-15 shooting, five three-pointers, five rebounds, one epic wink as the Wildcats put the game away. That's what probably got him an invite to the Draft Combine, the event where DiVincenzo saw how he might fit at the NBA level.

His name will likely be called in the first round on Thursday night, guaranteed millions set to come his way. Not bad for a kid who came off the bench for most of his college career and wasn't even picked as a Big East first-teamer, second-teamer or even honorable mention this past season. He did get recognized by the league as its top sixth man after a season where he averaged 13.4 points, 4.8 rebounds and 3.5 assists per game.

"When I get into a system, I'm so worried about the team," DiVincenzo said. "I'm not worried about the numbers. I'm just worried about one, winning and what he did in the national title game. No one at the combine in Chicago last month had a higher

vertical leap than DiVincenzo — 42 inches with a running start, 34½ inches when standing. He also impressed scouts with his shooting ability, and didn't need long to decide that his best move was to stay in the draft.

Some may have been surprised by his numbers in Chicago. Nova Nation was not.

"He works his butt off and he deserves all this," said now-former Villanova guard Jalen Brunson, the Associated Press' national player of the year this past season who's also in this draft. "And just to see where he's come from since us rooming together freshman year to seeing how his work ethic has gotten better every day ... he just goes at everybody. He just has that mindset that he's a killer. And that's what makes him special."

There's a price of fame, in that it also comes with a much higher level of scrutiny — which put DiVincenzo in a tough spot after the national championship game. While the Wildcats were celebrating and he was being named Most Outstanding Player of the Final Four, some of his old tweets were creating headlines as well.

Those posts, mostly from between 2011 through 2013, included racially insensitive and homophobic comments. DiVincenzo's account, which had been dormant since 2016, was shut down not long afterward.

"It's crazy, good and bad," DiVincenzo said when asked if he was surprised how much more attention he's gotten since the national championship game. "Everything with the Twitter thing that came out, that was bad. But people who know me, people who know who I am, they understand that's not me. I just try to carry myself as more than just a basket-

ball player."

If teams had reservations about his tweeting choices from years ago, their concerns seem to be satisfied. DiVincenzo came away from the combine process convinced that he'll be a first-round.

"Donte has handled this process intelligently and received very positive feedback from the NBA teams about his prospects in this year's draft," Villanova coach Jay Wright said last month when DiVincenzo opted to stay in the draft. "We fully support this decision."

He has some interesting nicknames.

For a while teammates called him Buddy Hield, because when the Wildcats were getting ready to play Oklahoma in the 2016 Final Four — a 44-point national semifinal romp for Villanova — DiVincenzo's role in practice was to mimic the game of the Sooners' star. And once in practice, where DiVincenzo was apparently shouting, Wright dubbed him "the Michael Jordan of Delaware."

Truth be told, Wright doesn't remember that exchange with the Delaware native.

DiVincenzo might be going to Jordan's league, but he knows that he still has plenty to prove — to others, and himself.

"Even if I work out by myself, I try to always prove something and not try to prove that I'm good or not trying to prove that I'm athletic," DiVincenzo said. "I try to prove that there's something deeper in me and that I'm just scratching the surface right now. I try to get better every single day and that's what I'm trying to prove — that I'm getting better, that nothing will stop me from getting better."

## Bagley headlines forward prospects

By AARON BEARD  
Associated Press

Marvin Bagley III dominated at Duke, while fellow freshman Michael Porter Jr. barely saw action at Missouri due to injury. Yet they'll likely be the first forwards to hear their names called during Thursday's draft.

Bagley is a possible No. 1 overall pick and double-double machine with a long frame. But many considered Porter to be the top NBA prospect in last year's class as he works to prove he's past the back injury that required surgery and limited his college career to just three games.

Here's a look of the top forwards in the draft:

### Marvin Bagley III

Bagley lived up to all expectations, being named The Associated Press player of the year in the Atlantic Coast Conference and a first-team All-American.

**Strengths:** The 6-foot-11 forward checks a lot of boxes: athleticism, inside-out ability, length. He averaged 21 points and 11.1 rebounds while shooting 61 percent from the floor and nearly 40 percent from three-point range. He has good touch around the rim, the ability to shoot over defenders and was a strong finisher.

**Concerns:** Bagley is still developing defensively, particularly when it comes with what is happening away from the ball. He also tends to be too left-handed at times and needs to improve going the other way.

### Michael Porter Jr.

The injury creates plenty of uncertainty and makes the 6-10 forward a bit of a wild card, one who could return top-of-the-draft value for a mid-lottery price.

**Strengths:** Porter was considered by many as last year's top recruit with his scoring, playmaking ability and athleticism. He was a McDonald's All-American in high school after averaging 36.2 points and 13.6 rebounds per game during his senior year.

**Concerns:** There's little to evaluate with Porter against college competition considering he was hurt minutes into the season opener. He didn't play again until the postseason. It's unclear if the injury will limit his ceiling in any way.

### Miles Bridges

Michigan State's sophomore is a versatile lottery prospect in a pro-ready 6-7 body.

**Strengths:** Bridges did a lot of things well last year while averaging 17.1 points, 7.0 rebounds and 2.7 assists. He's strong enough to both tussle with bigger players and overpower perimeter forwards. And he was excellent at the foul line (.853) to cash in when drawing contact.

**Concerns:** Bridges needs to continue honing his perimeter skills. He shot nearly 39 percent from three-point range as a freshman, but slid to 36 percent last year.



Ben McKewon/AP

**Duke's Marvin Bagley III is a possible No. 1 overall pick and double-double machine with a long frame.**

### Mikal Bridges

The 6-7 junior swingman developed into a potential top-10 pick for national champion Villanova.

**Strengths:** Bridges offers the desired combination of three-point shooting and defensive ability, a valuable package in today's NBA. Bridges shot nearly 44 percent from behind the arc. He also has the length to be a disruptive defender after leading the Wildcats with 61 steals.

**Concerns:** Bridges needs to add more game strength to a lean 209-pound frame. He also blended in offensively on a deep and efficient offense, so he didn't need to show a lot when it came to creating his own shot.

### Kevin Knox

The 6-9 freshman out of Kentucky brings a stretch-4 skillset with good size and shooting range, making him a possible lottery pick.

**Strengths:** Knox has NBA shooting range, fluid offensive moves and the ability to get out in transition. He showed his high ceiling with 34 points on 11-for-17 shooting with five three-pointers in a win at West Virginia in January.

**Concerns:** He was a bit of a streaky shooter at times who hit just 34 percent of his three-pointers. He also could be a tougher rebounder. He had only two double-figure rebounding outputs in 37 games compared to 13 games with four or fewer boards.

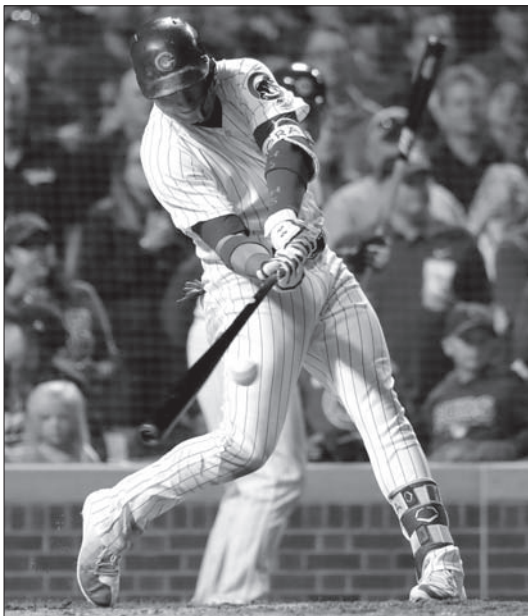


PAUL SANCYA/AP

**Michigan State's Miles Bridges averaged 17.1 points and 7 rebounds for the Spartans.**



## MLB



CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/AP

The Cubs' Albert Almora Jr. hits a game-winning RBI single off Los Angeles Dodgers relief pitcher Brock Stewart during the 10th inning of Tuesday's game in Chicago.

# Almora helps Cubs split 2 with Dodgers

By MATT CARLSON  
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Albert Almora Jr. got even. So did the Chicago Cubs.

Almora hit a game-ending RBI single in the 10th inning, and the Cubs beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 2-1 on Tuesday night to salvage a split of their day-night doubleheader.

Kris Bryant sparked the winning rally with a leadoff triple against Brock Stewart (0-1). After Javier Baez was walked intentionally, Almora hit a liner into right field.

In the Cubs' 4-3 loss to the Dodgers in Game 1, Almora popped out to first with the bases loaded with one out in the eighth. The Dodgers intentionally walked Jason Heyward before Yimi Garcia retired Almora.

"It was personal for me," Almora said. "I didn't come through. I was a little aggressive."

"I learned from the first mistake and I didn't do too much (in the second game), but I really wanted that one pretty bad. It was just a little bit of revenge from the first game."

Rob Zastryzny (1-0), the fifth Cubs reliever, got Yasmani Grandal to fly out with the bases loaded in the top of the 10th to earn the win.

The rematch of the last two NL Championship Series was set to begin on Mon-

day night, but the opener was postponed by a mixture of poor weather and a limited power outage at Wrigley Field. It's the only scheduled visit for Los Angeles, leading to the day-night doubleheader.

"It was two really interesting games," Cubs manager Joe Maddon said. "Could have lost both, could have won both. It's nice to walk off."

Los Angeles began the long day with its 4-3 victory on pinch-hitter Kyle Farmer's two-run double in the ninth. Joc Pederson led off the game with his ninth homer, and Yasiel Puig drove in a run with a bloop double.

The Dodgers jumped in front in the nightcap on Austin Barnes' RBI single in the sixth. But the Cubs tied it on Kyle Schwarber's 13th homer, a drive to right against Erik Goedel in the seventh.

Los Angeles wasted an impressive return for Rich Hill, who pitched six innings of three-hit ball in his first major league start in a month. Hill was placed on the disabled list on May 20 with a blister on his left middle finger, a recurring problem for the veteran left-hander.

"The fastball command, the curveball command, it was on point tonight," manager Dave Roberts said. "You hope to get something like that, but you never know what you're going to get making his first start back from injury, but again, he was outstanding."

## Scoreboard

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Brewers 3, Pirates 2												
Milwaukee	ab	r	h	bi	Pittsburgh	ab	r	h	bi			
Cain cf	4	2	0	0	Harrison 2b	4	0	0	0			
Yelich lf	4	0	1	0	Dickson lf	4	0	1	0			
Aguilar 1b	3	1	2	3	S.Marte cf	4	1	1	1			
Thames rf	4	0	0	0	Moran 3b	4	0	1	0			
D.Senna rf	0	0	0	0	Cruvell c	4	0	0	0			
H.Perez 3b	4	0	0	0	J.Bell 1b	3	1	0	0			
Villar 2b	4	0	0	0	Polanco 3b	3	0	1	0			
Pina c	4	0	2	0	Mercer ss	4	0	1	1			
Arctic ss	2	0	1	0	Talton p	1	0	0	0			
F.Pitta p	2	0	0	0	Osuna ph	1	0	0	0			
Sogard ph	1	0	1	0	Glasnow p	0	0	0	0			
Jimenez p	0	0	0	0	Meadows ph	1	0	0	0			
J.Fress p	0	0	0	0	E.Senna p	0	0	0	0			
Braun ph	1	0	0	0	Crick p	0	0	0	0			
Knebel p	0	0	0	0								
Totals	35	3	9	3	Totals	33	2	5	2			
Milwaukee					Pittsburgh							
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E—Thames (3).					DP—Pittsburgh, 1.							
LOB—Milwaukee 6, Pittsburgh 6.					28—							
HR—Aguilar (1), Mercer (1), 3B—Pina (1).												
HR—Aguilar (1), S.Marte (9), SB—Yelich (9), Sogard (3).												

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
<b>Milwaukee</b>						
Peralta W-2-0	6	2	0	0	0	7
Jennings H-7	3 1/3	1	1	1	1	1
Jeffress H-9	1 1/3	2	1	1	0	3
Knebel S-7:9	1	0	0	0	1	2
<b>Pittsburgh</b>						
Tailion L-6	5	7	3	3	1	7
Glasnow	2	2	0	0	0	4
Santana	1	0	0	0	0	2
Crick	1	0	0	0	0	0
WP—Glasnow.	T—3:17.	A—14,152				
(38,352).						

## Calendar

**July 2** — International amateur signing period opens.  
**July 6** — Last day to sign for amateur draft picks subject to deadline.  
**July 17** — All-Star Game, Washington.  
**July 29** — Hall of Fame inductions, Cooperstown, N.Y.  
**July 31** — Last day to trade a player without securing waivers.  
**Aug. 31** — Last day to be contracted to an organization and be eligible for post-season roster.  
**Oct. 2-3** — Wild-card games.  
**November TBA** — Deadline for teams to make qualifying offers to their eligible former players, who become free agents, fifth day after World Series.  
**November TBA** — Deadline for free agents to accept qualifying offers, 15th day after World Series.

## Roundup

# Rays snap Astros' 12-game win streak

Associated Press

HOUSTON — C.J. Cron homered early and Wilson Ramos hit a tiebreaking RBI single in the eighth inning to lift the Tampa Bay Rays to a 2-1 win on Tuesday night to snap a 12-game winning streak by the Houston Astros.

Blake Snell (9-4) allowed just three hits and one run in seven innings, but had to pitch another career-high seven walks for his fifth straight win.

The Astros went 1-for-6 with runners in scoring position to come up one victory shy of setting the franchise record for longest winning streak in franchise history.

**Yankees 7, Mariners 2:** Domingo German (2-4) pitched two-hit ball over a career-high seven innings and Giancarlo Stanton hit one of his team's four home runs in host New York's victory over Seattle.

**Nationals 9, Orioles 7:** Trea Turner went 4-for-4 with a homer, Anthony Rendon drove in three runs and host Washington extended its recent domination of Baltimore.

**Brewers 3, Pirates 2:** Rookie Freddy Peralta (2-0) allowed two hits in six stellar innings, Jesus Aguilar hammered his 14th home run of the season and visiting Milwaukee cooled off Pittsburgh.

**Braves 11, Blue Jays 4:** Johan Camargo hit his first career grand slam and went 4-for-5 with five RBIs, and visiting Atlanta snapped Toronto's home winning streak at seven games.

**Reds 9, Tigers 5:** Joey Votto ended a long homer drought with his third career grand slam, powering host Cincinnati to a victory that ended Detroit's longest winning streak in two years at five games.

**Indians 6, White Sox 3:** Mike Clevinger (6-



DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

The Astros' George Springer, right, dives toward home plate as Tampa Bay Rays catcher Wilson Ramos prepares to tag him out during the first inning of Tuesday's game in Houston.

2) struck out 10 and allowed one run in 7 2/3 innings, and host Cleveland defeated Chicago.

**Rangers 4, Royals 1:** Cole Hamels (4-6) allowed four hits over seven innings, Delino DeShields doubled home two runs and visiting Texas beat Kansas City.

**Cardinals 7, Phillies 6:** Matt Carpenter hit a tiebreaking solo homer with two out in the ninth, helping visiting St. Louis edge Philadelphia.

**Twins 6, Red Sox 2:** Eduardo Escobar hit two go-ahead doubles, a two-run delivery off Chris Sale in the sixth inning and one that sparked a four-run eighth for host Minnesota in victory over Boston.

**Rockies 10, Mets 8:** Nolan Arenado, Trevor Story and Ian Desmond homered in

succession during a six-run third inning. German Marquez (5-7) pitched effectively for six innings and host Colorado beat New York.

**Athletics 4, Padres 2 (10):** Stephen Piscotty homered with two outs in the ninth inning to tie the game and Jed Lowie hit a two-run shot with two outs in the 10th to lift visiting Oakland over San Diego.

**Angels 5, Diamondbacks 4:** Mike Trout drove in two runs, Kole Calhoun and Ian Kinsler added solo homers and host Los Angeles held on to beat Arizona.

**Giants 6, Marlins 3:** Buster Posey homered in the first, Gorkys Hernandez hit a two-run drive in the second and an RBI double later, and host San Francisco held its lead late in the game to beat Miami.



# SPORTS BRIEFS/WORLD CUP

## Briefly

# Hornets to swap Howard for Mozgov

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Charlotte Hornets have agreed to trade eight-time All-Star center Dwight Howard to the Brooklyn Nets for center Timofey Mozgov and two second-round draft picks, a person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

The Hornets will get the Nets' second-round pick Thursday night (45th overall) and a second-round pick in 2021, the person said. The person spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because the teams have not announced the trade and the league cannot approve the deal until the trade moratorium ends on July 6. The 32-year-old Howard played only one season for Charlotte, averaging 16.6 points and 12.5 rebounds per game. He is due to make \$23.8 million this season, the final year of his contract.

Brooklyn will be Howard's fourth team in as many seasons.

After spending three seasons with the Houston Rockets, Howard was acquired by his hometown Atlanta Hawks in 2016 as a free agent and signed a three-year contract.

But he wore out his welcome after one season and was dealt to Charlotte. The Hornets, who are in the midst of a major organizational shake-up, having already replaced their general manager and coach, could be on the verge of shaking up their roster, too.

Howard struggled to mesh with guard Nicolas Batum, and the Hornets failed to make the playoffs despite what former coach Steve Clifford considered the team's most talented roster in half a decade.

Mozgov's numbers pale in comparison to Howard's. He played in only 31 games last season for the Nets, averaging 4.2 points and 3.2 rebounds.

Howard has averaged 17.4 points, 12.7 rebounds and two blocks per game since joining the league in 2004.

In other NBA news:

■ The NBA will return to London next year with a regular-season game between the Washington Wizards and the New York Knicks.

Tickets for the Jan. 17 game at the O2 Arena will go on sale in the fall.

It will be the NBA's ninth regular-season game in London, all sellouts.

## Kowar strikes out 13 in Gators' win over Texas

OMAHA, Neb. — Jackson Kowar struck out a career-high 13 in 6½ innings, Jonathan India hit a three-run homer and defending national champion Florida clinched Texas from the College World Series with a 6-1 win

on Tuesday.

Kowar (10-5) held the Longhorns scoreless on five hits, mixing his changeup with a fastball still touching the mid-90s deep into his season-high 121-pitch afternoon.

The Kansas City Royals' first-round draft pick struck out the side in the third and sixth innings and broke his previous high of 11 Ks he set against TCU in the CWS last year. He became the first pitcher with 13 strikeouts in a CWS game since 2010 and, according to ESPN, the first in 40 years to do it in fewer than seven innings.

India, the No. 5 overall pick by the Cincinnati Reds, singled to make it 1-0 in the first inning and he broke the game open with his three-run homer in the sixth.

In other CWS news:

■ Jordan Westburg hit a grand slam, doubled and drove in seven runs and Mississippi State went on to beat North Carolina 12-2.

The Bulldogs (39-27) continued their surprise postseason run and, with two wins at the CWS, are off until Friday. They need one more to advance to the best-of-three finals.

## Hubert Green dead at 71; won 2 majors

Hall of Fame golfer Hubert Green, who won a U.S. Open playing portions of the final round despite a threat against his life, has died. He was 71.

Green won the 1977 U.S. Open and the 1985 PGA Championship in a career that included 19 PGA Tour victories and four on the seniors circuit. The PGA Tour announced that Green died Tuesday after battling throat cancer.

Green held a one-stroke lead at Southern Hills in Tulsa, Okla., when he completed the 14th hole of the final round of the U.S. Open. He then was notified by tournament officials they had received a threat saying he would be shot when he reached the 15th green.

He chose to continue playing and even birdied the 16th hole before finishing with a one-stroke victory.

Green was a member of three U.S. Ryder Cup teams and never lost a singles match. He was the PGA Tour rookie of the Year in 1971.

In other golf news:

■ Hailed as a hero to some and as golf royalty to others, Peter Thomson, a five-time winner of the British Open and the only player in the 20th century to win the tournament three straight years, died Wednesday. He was 88.

Thomson had been suffering from Parkinson's disease for more than four years and died at his Melbourne home surrounded by family members, Golf Australia said.



DARIO VOJNOVIC/AP

Uruguay's Luis Suarez gestures during the Group A match against Saudi Arabia in Rostov-on-Don, Russia, on Wednesday. Suarez scored the only goal of the game to send his team to the next round.

## Scoreboard

GROUP A						
	W	T	L	GF	GA	Pts
x-Russia	0	0	6	1	0	0
x-Uruguay	2	0	0	2	0	6
Egypt	0	0	4	0	2	0
Saudi Arabia	0	2	0	0	6	0

x-advanced to second round  
Thursday, June 14

Russia 5, Saudi Arabia 0  
Uruguay 1, Egypt 0  
At Moscow

Friday, June 15  
At Yekaterinburg, Russia  
Uruguay 1, Egypt 0

Tuesday, June 19  
At St. Petersburg, Russia  
Russia 3, Egypt 1

Wednesday, June 20  
At Rostov-on-Don, Russia  
Uruguay 1, Saudi Arabia 0

Monday, June 25  
At Samara, Russia  
Uruguay vs. Russia  
At Volgograd, Russia

Saudi Arabia vs. Egypt  
GROUP B

	W	T	L	GF	GA	Pts
Portugal	1	0	0	4	3	4
Iran	1	0	0	1	0	3
Australia	0	1	0	2	3	1
Morocco	0	2	0	2	2	0

Friday, June 15  
At St. Petersburg, Russia  
Iran 1, Morocco 0  
At Sochi, Russia

Portugal 3, Spain 3  
Saturday, June 20  
At Moscow

Portugal 1, Morocco 0  
At Kazan, Russia

Iran vs. Spain  
Monday, June 25  
At Kaliningrad, Russia

Spain vs. Morocco  
At Saransk, Russia

Iran vs. Portugal  
GROUP C

	W	T	L	GF	GA	Pts
France	1	0	0	2	1	3
Denmark	1	0	0	1	0	3
Australia	0	1	0	1	1	1
Peru	0	1	0	1	1	0

Saturday, June 16  
At Kazan, Russia  
France 2, Australia 1  
At Saransk, Russia

Denmark 1, Peru 0  
Thursday, June 21  
At Samara, Russia

Denmark vs. Australia  
At Yekaterinburg, Russia

France at Peru  
Tuesday, June 26  
At Sochi, Russia

Australia vs. Peru  
At Moscow

Denmark vs. France  
GROUP D

	W	T	L	GF	GA	Pts
Croatia	1	0	0	2	0	3
Argentina	0	1	0	1	1	1
Nigeria	0	1	0	1	1	1
Angola	0	0	2	0	2	0

Saturday, June 16  
At Moscow  
Argentina 1, Colombia 1  
At Kaliningrad, Russia

Croatia 2, Nigeria 0  
Thursday, June 21  
At Nizhny Novgorod, Russia

Argentina vs. Colombia  
At Volgograd, Russia

Nigeria vs. Iceland  
Tuesday, June 26  
At St. Petersburg, Russia

Nigeria vs. Argentina  
At Rostov-on-Don, Russia

Iceland vs. Croatia

GROUP E						
	W	T	L	GF	GA	Pts
Serbia	0	0	1	0	1	0
Brazil	0	1	0	1	1	1
Switzerland	0	1	0	1	1	1
Costa Rica	0	0	1	0	1	0

Sunday, June 17  
At Samara, Russia  
Serbia 1, Costa Rica 0

At Rostov-on-Don, Russia  
Brazil 1, Switzerland 1

Friday, June 22  
At St. Petersburg, Russia  
Brazil vs. Costa Rica

At Kaliningrad, Russia  
Serbia vs. Switzerland

Wednesday, June 27  
At Moscow

Serbia vs. Brazil  
At Nizhny Novgorod, Russia

Switzerland vs. Costa Rica  
GROUP F

	W	T	L	GF	GA	Pts
Mexico	0	0	1	0	3	0
Sweden	1	0	0	1	0	3
Germany	0	1	0	1	1	0
South Korea	0	0	1	0	1	0

Sunday, June 17  
At Moscow  
Mexico 1, Germany 0

Monday, June 18  
At Nizhny Novgorod, Russia  
Sweden 1, South Korea 0

Saturday, June 23  
At Rostov-on-Don, Russia  
South Korea vs. Mexico

At Sochi, Russia  
Germany vs. Sweden

Wednesday, June 27  
At Kazan, Russia  
South Korea vs. Germany

At Yekaterinburg, Russia  
Mexico vs. Sweden

GROUP G

	W	T	L	GF	GA	Pts
Belgium	1	0	0	2	1	3
England	1	0	0	2	1	3
Tunisia	0	1	1	1	2	0
Panama	0	0	1	0	3	0

Monday, June 18  
At Sochi, Russia  
Belgium 2, Panama 0

At Volgograd, Russia  
England 2, Tunisia 1

Saturday, June 23  
At Moscow

Belgium vs. Tunisia  
Sunday, June 24  
At Nizhny Novgorod, Russia

England vs. Panama  
Thursday, June 28  
At Kazan, Russia

Panama vs. Tunisia  
At Kaliningrad, Russia

England vs. Belgium  
GROUP H

	W	T	L	GF	GA	Pts
Japan	1	0	0	2	1	3
Senegal	0	1	1	1	2	0
Colombia	0	0	1	1	2	0
Poland	0	0	1	1	2	0

Tuesday, June 19  
At Saransk, Russia  
Japan 2, Colombia 1

At Moscow  
Senegal 2, Poland 1

At Yekaterinburg, Russia  
Japan vs. Senegal

At Kazan, Russia  
Poland vs. Colombia

Thursday, June 28  
At Volgograd, Russia  
Japan vs. Poland

At Samara, Russia  
Senegal vs. Colombia

# Suarez scores as Uruguay advances

By DEREK GATOPOULOS

Associated Press

ROSTOV-ON-DON, Russia — Luis Suarez put both Uruguay and host Russia into the second round of the World Cup while eliminating Saudi Arabia and Egypt at the same time.

Suarez scored the winning goal in his 100th international appearance for Uruguay, knocking in a corner kick from Carlos Sanchez in the 23rd minute to give the two-time champions a 1-0 victory over the Saudis on Wednesday.

It was the Barcelona striker's 52nd goal for his country in that century of matches. "None of the games at the World Cup are easy to win," Suarez said. "You can never be relaxed."

Uruguay and Russia both have six points from their opening two matches, putting them into the round of 16. They will face each other on Monday in Samara with first place in Group A on the line.

"We need to fine-tune some things, but we are more than proud because for three World Cups in a row we have advanced to the knockout round, so we want to enjoy this beautiful moment," Uruguay coach Oscar Tabarez said.

Besides scoring, Suarez led his team with a hard-working performance. He fell back to defend and raced forward alongside Edinson Cavani on the counterattack.

Facing elimination, the Saudis fought hard for a goal, getting several early chances. But they were outmatched by the Uruguayan defense.

## WORLD CUP



EFREM LUKATSKY/AP

Russia's Denis Cheryshev, right, celebrates after scoring his team's second goal during the Group A match against Egypt in St. Petersburg on Tuesday.

## Russia heads for next stage

By STEVE DOUGLAS  
Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia — Two wins, eight goals and almost certainly a place in the knockout stage for first time since the Soviet era.

Russia is enjoying quite the party at its own World Cup — and not even the highly anticipated return of Mohamed Salah could slow it down on Tuesday.

Confounding grim pre-tournament predictions, the host nation earned a second straight emphatic victory to start the group stage by beating Egypt 3-1. Having already routed Saudi Arabia 5-0, Russia can celebrate a spot in the round of 16 after Wednesday's results and few could have seen that happening so soon.

"It's a group of solidarity and cohesion," said Russia coach Stanislav Cherchesov, who whipped up the crowd by waving his arms in delight on the field after the final whistle. "You mention difficulties, problems. We don't like these words. We don't have this in our vocabulary. We had some issues and we dealt with it."

Like a string of pre-tournament injuries that ravaged the defense. Like a run of seven winless games heading into the tournament. The Russians started the World Cup as the lowest-ranked team at the tournament at No. 70, but they aren't playing like it.

Three goals in a 15-minute span early in the second half did the damage against Egypt, with Ahmed Fathi poking the ball into his own net — the fifth own-goal of the tournament — to put Russia ahead in the 47th minute. Denis Cheryshev, with his third goal of the World Cup, and striker Artyom Dzyuba then scored in quick succession before Salah won and converted a consolation penalty in his first game back after 3½ weeks out with a shoulder injury.

Salah needed to produce the type of performance he delivered nearly every week for Liverpool this season, when he scored 44 goals in 51 games, but it was clear from the start that he was staying out of anything too physical on his return from damaged ligaments in his left shoulder sustained in the Champions League final.

Aside from his goal, Salah was quiet in his first ever match at a World Cup, much to the dismay of the Egypt fans in the stadium who roared every

time their star player's face flashed up on the big screen and when his name was announced before kickoff. Not to mention the 90 million Egyptians back home.

"I was told by the medical staff that he was fit, feeling good," Egypt coach Hector Cuper said. "He couldn't prepare with us in the training camp, he had to train alone. Maybe that meant his total physical ability was reduced."

Egypt's first World Cup in 28 years is over in barely five days, while Russia's place in the round of 16 is assured after Uruguay beat the Saudis on Wednesday.

## Group dynamics

The match between Russia and Uruguay in Samara on Monday is likely to determine which teams finish in first and second place in Group A, with Spain and Portugal likely lying in wait in the round of 16.

As for Egypt, a first win at a World Cup at the seventh attempt is the aim when it plays Saudi Arabia in Volgograd on the same day.

## Keys to success

Russia neutralized Salah in the tense but low-quality first half, with Yuri Zhirkov dealing well with the Premier League's player of the year particularly when he got in front to him to clear a dangerous cross early in the first half.

The Russians then took advantage of Egypt's defensive mistakes to cruise into a three-goal lead out of nothing. Fathi's attempted clearance for the first goal was sloppy, as was Ali Gabr's attempt at closing down Dzyuba for the third goal.

Cheryshev, who entered the World Cup as a fringe player, is proving lethal in front of goal and was surprisingly tied as leading scorer with Cristiano Ronaldo until Ronaldo scored again on Wednesday.

## Serious stats

The five own-goals at this year's tournament is only one off the record for a whole World Cup, set in 1998.

## Ronaldo scores in Portugal's win

Morocco is first team to be eliminated

By GRAHAM DUNBAR  
Associated Press

MOSCOW — Cristiano Ronaldo made European soccer history by scoring in Portugal's 1-0 win over Morocco on Wednesday, a result that makes the North African team the first to be eliminated from the World Cup.

Ronaldo's header in the fourth minute was his fourth goal at this year's tournament, and his 85th for his country. That moved him ahead of Hungary great Ferenc Puskas and alone in second place worldwide behind Ali Daei's 109 goals for Iran.

The Portugal forward celebrated his goal with a trademark run and soaring leap toward the corner flag at the Luzhnik Stadium. Morocco lost 1-0 for the second straight Group B match and is out of contention for a spot in the next round.

The North Africans had several chances against Portugal, nearly all from set pieces, and three of them came in a five-minute spell early in the second half. Younes Belhanda was twice denied by goalkeeper Rui Patricio's diving saves, and defender Mehdi Benatia scooped a shot over the bar.

In injury time, Benatia lifted another shot too high with an even clearer chance.

Ronaldo's four goals tops the individual scoring chart at the World Cup. Buoyed by his hat trick against Spain on Friday, including a spectacular free kick late in the game, Ronaldo scored against Morocco with his first meaningful touch early in the match.

He was too strong for marker

Manuel Da Costa and found space in the goalmouth to meet Joao Moutinho's cross after a corner.

Ronaldo had two more free kick chances, though each from less than 20 yards. He could not get the ball up and over a solid wall of defenders on either occasion.

Benatia, a rugged defender who plays for Juventus, led the efforts to stop Ronaldo. His hard tackles from behind, however, earned him a yellow card.

## Group dynamics

Portugal looks well set to advance to the round of 16 while Morocco will certainly be going home.

Portugal now has four points and leads Group B ahead of the late match between Iran and Spain.

The Portuguese will face Iran in their final match on Monday in Saransk.

## Keys to success

Ronaldo was a clinical finisher and also one of Portugal's best defenders. His headed clearances helped out a back line that seems vulnerable to corners and free kicks despite the height of veteran center backs Pepe and Jose Fonte.

Morocco, playing in its first World Cup in 20 years, linked play neatly through midfield but relied on set pieces for its clearest chances — a growing theme at this year's tournament.

Its clearest shooting chances fell to a defender, Benatia, who could not keep them on target.



FRANCISCO SEGA/AP

Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo leaps up for a header during the Group B match against Morocco in Moscow on Wednesday. Ronaldo scored the game's only goal on a header.

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## NBA DRAFT



Trae Young  
averaged 27.4  
points per  
game in his  
only season at  
Oklahoma.

Sue Ochocki/AP

## Watching and waiting

OU's Young curious to see where he'll land

BY TIM REYNOLDS  
Associated Press

**T**rae Young went into college basketball feeling like he had something to prove to his doubters.

A year later, here he goes again.

Young was the most electrifying player in the college game this past season, his stellar numbers in his only season at Oklahoma more than silencing anyone who felt like he wasn't elite. And now he expects that he'll need to prove himself once again, starting right when his name gets called in Thursday night's NBA Draft.

"I'll always have a chip on my shoulder," Young said, "until I hang my shoes up."

That chip served him well at Oklahoma, when he led the nation with averages of 27.4 points and 8.7 assists per game. He'll be snagged in the lottery on Thursday, by a team that apparently will be willing to turn its offense over to a 6-foot-2 guard who tries to emulate Steve Nash and counts Rod Strickland as one of his many mentors.

He thinks he's the best player in the draft, and very easily could be the first guard to get selected. Young was

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**'This is  
the first  
time in my  
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Trae Young  
Potential  
first-round  
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